

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 13 December

New projects this week	18
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
772	310	462

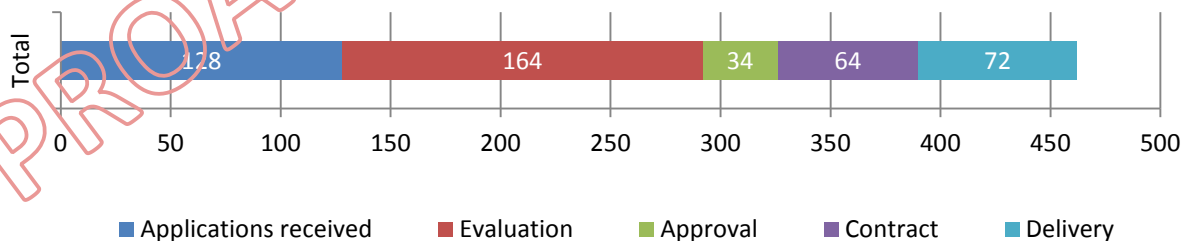
Total funding approved to date*	Total funding announced #
198 projects for \$769m	111 projects for \$626m

* Total funding approved exclude eight of MPI's initiatives which were transferred to Vote Forestry at October Baseline Update

Total funding announced excludes seven of MPI's initiatives which were transferred to Vote Forestry at October Baseline Update

The above funding excludes initiatives approved at the Senior Regional Officials and Regional Economic Development meetings in December.

1.2 Progress of applications as at 13 December



2. Regional Updates

2.1 East Coast / Tairāwhiti

PipeDrive update

As at 12 December 2018, 36 applications and expressions of interest (EOI) have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 3 are being assessed
- 20 have been approved
- 4 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 5 are on hold
- 4 are awaiting further assessment following Ministerial decision.

Regional Activity

The region's greatest barrier to economic growth is the lack of an appropriately trained and skilled workforce. Growing good citizens who can positively participate in and contribute to society and the economy is an essential first step.

Bilateral meetings have been held with key stakeholders inviting them to unify and focus on this as the number one priority for our collective efforts in the region. Meetings have been held with:

- Chamber of Commerce & Employers
- Education Training & Skills providers
- Iwi Chief Executives
- Government Agencies
- Local Government.

An Action Plan is being drafted that will initially focus on four key sectors:

- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Civic Construction & Transport
- Tourism & Hospitality.

Discussions have started with both the Tertiary Education Commission and education providers to better align their investment with the local economy workforce needs.

A Whenua Māori government agencies project team has been established with the goal of identifying candidates ready to apply to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF).

The Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan governance group has received a briefing from Ministry for Primary Industries on the 1 Billion Trees programme and have advised that an information roadshow will take place in the region in late February.

Meetings with existing and potential applicants continue. Reinforcing the productivity criteria is essential for a number of aspiring applicants who are seeking to grow their employee numbers but cannot quantify a product and productivity gain. They have been referred to Ministry of Social Development who have been outstanding partners locally, as have Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry of Education.

Upcoming Announcements

There are no upcoming announcements for the region.

Contact:	Mark Feary, Senior Regional Advisor, <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>
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2.2 West Coast

PipeDrive update

As at 12 December 2018, 66 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 1 is being assessed
- 17 have been approved
- 26 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 5 are awaiting further information
- 8 are on hold
- 9 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

On 29 November 2018, \$140m of PGF investments were announced on the West Coast by Prime Minister Ardern and Minister Jones at a lunch held at Punakaiki Resort. Also in attendance was Minister O'Connor. The event was well attended by the Mayors of all three West Coast Districts, regional leaders, iwi and local business leaders. Positive feedback has been received as a result of the announcements.

The Prime Minister, Minister Jones and Minister O'Connor also attended three smaller events in the Region:

- Westland Milk Products (WMP), Hokitika with Mayor Bruce Smith, the WMP Management Team and a selection of employees to hear about the new segregation project, the benefits to farmers on the West Coast and the creation of eight to ten new jobs.
- Kawatiri Dredge at Port Greymouth with the Mayor of Greymouth, the CEO of Grey District Council, the Port Manager, and representatives from Westfleet. They were updated on the progress of the dredging and the benefits for the fishing fleet that dredging the port will bring.
- Cape Foulwind near Westport with Mayor Garry Howard and local civic and business leaders. The successful applicants gave a brief presentation on the Kawatiri Cycle Trail and the Oparara Basin Restoration projects.

An unscheduled visit was also made to Barrytown School to meet with some local pupils.

Regional Engagement

A Provincial Development Unit (PDU) workshop will be held in the region on 13 December which will be attended by Government partner agencies to ensure we are all working together to achieve the best outcomes for stakeholders in the region.

Al Morrison, Senior Regional Official and Penny Bicknell, Principal Regional Advisor will meet with the West Coast regional leaders on 18 December 2018 for a consultation and discussion on Provincial Growth Fund applications and collaboration across the West Coast to achieve the regional economic development objectives. These leaders include: Mayors of Buller, Grey and Westland districts as well as senior representatives of Buller District Council, Grey District Council, Westland District Council, West Coast Regional Council, Ngati Waewae and Development West Coast.

Upcoming Announcements

No announcements are planned for the West Coast

2.3 Bay of Plenty

PipeDrive update

As at 12 December 2018, 86 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 39 applications are undergoing assessment
- 16 have been approved
- 17 EOI are undergoing assessment
- 14 applications have been declined, withdrawn or are on hold.

Regional Activity

- Advancing contracts for Rotorua 'Big Moves' Project - these are largely agreed.
- Putauaki Trust contracts are being finalised to send to applicants for signing.
- Engagement occurring across the region has included meetings between Bay of Plenty (BOP) and PDU staff and the Economic Development agencies in Taupō, Rotorua and Tauranga. Discussions have been centred on sub-regional priorities and how the agencies can support applicants who are seeking information to lodge applications.
- In response to Under-Secretary Tabuteau's request for a tourism planning hui in Te Puke, BOP PDU staff ran a planning day with the wider group interested in developing a tourism venture near the proposed Confidential information entrusted to the Government. The group were able to develop priorities to consider in the tourism space. The next step is for the participants to narrow down their options and decide whether or not to lodge an application.
- Following Minister Jones' visit, discussions have been held with BOP PDU staff and Confidential information entrusted to the Government regarding the proposed Confidential information entrusted to the Government. Confidential information entrusted to the Government are now considering their options in terms of submitting an application.
- BOP PDU staff met with Ōpōtiki, Kawerau, Whakatāne and Bay of Plenty Regional Councils to plan for the upcoming announcements and discuss future projects.
- Team Bay of Plenty (our central Government team including Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand Transport Agency, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Education and the PDU are meeting weekly to finalise our planning for next year.
- Officials met with the business development manager from Scion to discuss the conversion of biomass to biofuels and the opportunities that might exist in terms of standing up a hub that can scale-up successful experiments into commercially viable products. Confidential information entrusted to the Government
- Ngāti Ranginui and Ngāi te Rangi have been met with. BOP PDU facilitated the introduction of Confidential information to potential co-investment partners. We are expecting a revised joint funding proposal in January.
- BOP PDU staff have been working with Confidential information entrusted to the Government on three pipeline projects aligned with forestry, horticulture and skills and labour.
- A substantial amount of work has occurred with Te Kaha Gold. Their application will go to the Independent Advisory Panel in January.
- Discussions are ongoing with Miro.

Upcoming Announcements

The 14th of December announcement for the Eastern Bay of Plenty has been finalised. The overall value of the announcement is \$23.4 million consisting of \$21.5 million for Ōpōtiki and \$1.9 million for Whakatāne. The package includes a mix of aquaculture, high-value agriculture, water storage and multi-sector projects.

Contact: Jocelyn Mikaere, Principal Regional Advisor (BOP) Privacy of natural persons

3. Other Updates

3.1 Māori Partnerships

The Māori Partnership Strategy will focus on the four pillars (pou) below, these pou are also a part of the wider communications, and engagement strategy for PDU:

- Pou 1 Set the agenda
- Pou 2 Align communications with PGF activity
- Pou 3 Reach all te ao Māori PGF stakeholders
- Pou 4 Manage risk

The strategy is currently being socialised with Te Puni Kōkiri, and PDU staff.

Contact: Peta Tangiwai, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Privacy of natural persons

Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 17 December 2018	
Tuesday, 18 December 2018	
Wednesday, 19 December 2018	
RED Officials Meeting (4:30-5:30pm)	
Thursday, 20 December 2018	
Friday, 21 December 2018	

December

January

- 15 Independent Advisory Panel Meeting
- 29 RED Ministers Meeting

Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule		
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	MBIE Contact
14 December	Minister Jones in EBOP (Ōpōtiki and Whakatāne) for PGF package announcement.	Jarred Griffiths
17 December	Minister Jones announcing support for three projects in Coromandel. Confidential advice to Government Press Release to follow.	Sia Aston
19 December	USEC Tabuteau announcing funding for three projects based in Southland. He will speak with the local paper for the Wednesday edition then a press release will be sent to all media.	Sia Aston

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Appendix 3 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
2051 18-19	Confidential information entrusted to the Government	Minister	Robert Pigou	12 Dec
2075 18-19	Eastern Bay of Plenty	Minister	Isabel Poulson	13 Dec

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
Tbc	Confidential information entrusted to the Government	USEC	Robert Pigou	18 Dec
Tbc	Briefing on possible EDA portfolio management funding	USEC	Robert Pigou	18 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
OIA181	Privacy of natural persons	5 Nov	17 Jan	22 Jan	Drafting	Copies of all briefings, cabinet papers, agendas and minutes
OIA208		29 Nov	19 Dec	24 Dec	Drafting	Copy of three papers referenced in PQ 29184 (2018)
EDDP 18/19 52		27 Nov	17 Dec	24 Dec	Collating Information	Regional Economic Development Minister's Meeting Document Request
OIA203		26 Nov	11 Dec	19 Dec	Drafting	Roadmap for implementation of Hold Co Option One
OIA199		21 Nov	11 Dec	17 Dec	Collating information	Request for documents as referenced in WPQ 27958 (2018)
OIA197		21 Nov	10 Dec	14 Dec	Drafting	Request for copies of documents as referenced in WPQ 27958 (2018)
OIA191		20 Nov	6 Dec	12 Dec	Consulting	WPQ 27938 - RED Ministers' Meeting 5 November 2018, 2 November 2018
OIA190		20 Nov	17 Dec	24 Dec	Drafting	WPQs 26481 + 27175 CAB Investment in Skills and Infrastructure and Report Back

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

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0469	Privacy of natural persons	24 Sept	13 Dec	20 Dec	Drafting	All funding applications and advice under Provincial Development Fund 27/08
1819-0485		26 Sept	13 Dec	20 Dec	Drafting	Request complete list all projects announced Provincial Growth Fund 26 Sep
1819-0664		29 Oct	19 Nov	20 Dec	Drafting	Request for all briefings etc. produced by PDU 23rd Feb-31st March 2018
1819-0672		30 Oct	20 Nov	14 Dec	Drafting	Briefings Request for wider RED Ministers meetings 23 Feb 2018- 30 Oct 2018
1819-0696		31 Oct	21 Nov	25 Jan	Drafting	Business case and feasibility study regarding Oparara Arches
1819-0879		1 Dec	14 Jan	18 Jan	Scoping	Copy of documents relating to \$6.6m allocated from PGF
1819-0864		30 Nov		18 Jan	Scoping	Tourism projects receiving PGF grants on the West Coast
1819-1868		30 Nov	14 Jan	18 Jan	Scoping	Copies of papers regarding PGF between 24 Sep to 30 Nov 18
1819-0871		30 Nov	14 Jan	18 Jan	Scoping	Details of structure of \$9.9 million PGF loan to Westland Milk Products
1819-0856		28 Nov	10 Feb	17 Jan	Drafting	Documents relating to Proactive Release for RED Minister
1819-0857		28 Nov		17 Jan	Drafting	Budget and ultimate expenditure for launch video
1819-0845		26 Nov		24 Dec	Scoping	Copy request for PGF application for the Blue Mussel Processing Plant
1819-0814		21 Nov	12 Dec	19 Dec	Drafting	List of names of all applicants who have applied for Provincial Growth Fund
1819-0788		17 Nov	7 Dec	14 Dec	Sign Out	Request for all advice received on 8 Rivers energy industry project Taranaki

Appendix 6 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ1844	Privacy of natural persons	16 November	14 December	Horticulture and youth employment pathway scheme
SJ1828		15 November	13 December	Confidential information entrusted to the Government
SJ1895		26 Nov	17 December	Dunedin City Council waterfront development

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Appendix 7 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question

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Appendix 8 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release

Tracking Number	Name	Due for release	Status
N/A	Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting papers	21 December 2018	Redactions being made
N/A	Independent Advisory Panel meeting papers	21 December 2018	Redactions being made
N/A	Senior Regional Advisory meeting papers	From 21 December 2018	To be reviewed
1974 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly Report week ending 7 December	21 December 2018	To be reviewed
1718-1380	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	21 December 2018	Sign out
1718-1713	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	21 December 2018	Sign out

Documents Released This Week

Tracking Number	Request	Published
1675 18-19	Weekly Report – 16 November 2018	12 December 2018
1783 18-19	Weekly Report – 23 November 2018	12 December 2018
1914 18-19	Weekly Report – 30 November 2018	12 December 2018
1819-0101	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1819-0108	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1718-1391	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1718-1766	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1718-1720	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018

1718-1092	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1819-0060	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1819-0067	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1819-0076	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1718-1870	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1718-1602	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1718-1179	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1819-0488	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1819-0411	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1819-0363	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1718-1776	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1819-0335	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1718-1769	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018
1718-1071	Departmental OIA release to <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 December 2018

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