

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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1. Dashboard updates

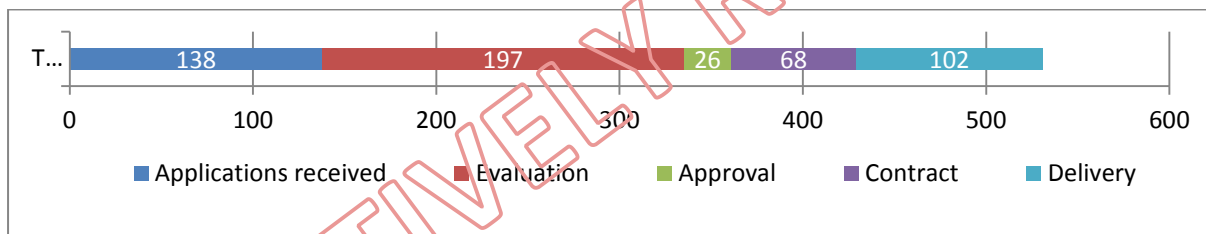
1.1 Status of applications as at 30 January

New projects this week	7
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
859	328	531

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced
227* projects for \$817m*	127 projects for \$654m

1.2 Progress of applications as at 30 January



*These figures do not include decisions made at SRO (January 24) and RED (January 29) meetings until minutes have been finalised.

2. Regional Updates

2.1 Bay of Plenty

PipeDrive update

As of 30 January 2019, 94 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 5 are being assessed
- 20 have been approved
- 20 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 8 are awaiting further information
- 4 are on hold
- 37 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

The following contracts are now executed:

- Rotorua 'Big Moves' Projects – the Lakefront Development and Whakarewarewa
- The Kiwifruit Labour Coordinator contract
- Bay of Plenty Labour Market Strategy Implementation

Contracts are also being advanced with the aquaculture sector in Opotiki, the Opotiki Harbour development, the waterfront development in Whakatāne and the tourism sector in Whakatāne.

Implementation of other approved projects is on track.

Confidential information entrusted to the Government

[Redacted], with assistance from the PDU.

Applications have been approved for GEO 40 (geothermal), Te Kaha Gold (water storage and kiwifruit) and Ecostock (Reporoa).

Stakeholder engagement across the region has included meeting with local Economic Development Agencies (EDA). EDA hui have been focused on support of current funding applications as well as sharing priorities and keeping updated.

PDU staff have met with a number of applicants to advise on their next steps. We are expecting a range of applications to the PGF across the tourism/visitor, skills, horticulture, training, energy and Whenua Māori sectors.

Upcoming Announcements

There are no planned announcements.

Contact: Mark Jacobs, Director Regional Development, Privacy of natural persons [Redacted]

2.2 Otago

PipeDrive update

As of 30 January 2019, 40 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 5 are being assessed
- 6 have been approved
- 13 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 2 are awaiting further information
- 14 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

Otago Regional Economic Development group:

Fortnightly meetings are in place for the five local councils and the regional council to connect and discuss potential Provincial Growth Fund projects. Central government is represented at these meetings by the Provincial Development Unit and the Ministry of Social Development.

Meetings in Queenstown Lake District Council (QLDC) area with prospective applicants and the QLDC itself have been held.

Audio meetings with a major industrial brownfield landowner have been held.

Upcoming Announcements

There are no planned announcements.

Contact: Kate Styles, Manager Regional Development - Central/South, Privacy of natural persons

2.3 Taranaki

PipeDrive update

As of 30 January 2019, 41 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 7 are being assessed
- 19 have been approved
- 4 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 3 are awaiting further information
- 1 is on hold
- 7 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

The H2Taranaki Roadmap Business Case was completed in late December 2018. A new local steering group has been established to consider options and next steps. It is comprised of councils, and private sector representatives, and will meet in February. Currently the Business Case completed in December is being put into a format suitable for publication.

Two business cases that were funded by the PGF under the region's economic development strategy 'Tapuae Roa' are almost near completion. Reports on the 'New Energy Development Centre', and the 'Innovation Precinct' are due to be delivered reports by the end of February.

Meetings have been held by MBIE with the CEOs of local iwi to discuss how to increase the uptake of the Provincial Growth Fund in the region by Iwi/Māori. The meetings were very positive and further steps were identified. Discussions have also been held with officials from Te Puni Kōkiri and Ministry of Primary Industries ahead of the launch of Whenua Māori.

The Tapuae Roa Steering Group has met again in the region (made up of Mayors and the Chair of the Regional Council), to discuss individual applications that are being progressed and form a regional view on them. This included a proposed School of Applied Biodiversity for the region.

The Taranaki Crossing Steering Group is expecting to receive a substantial report from the consultants working on the feasibility study in time for its next meeting in February. The report will be draft, but will mark important progress.

Upcoming Announcements

A launch of the H2 Taranaki Roadmap is proposed for March. MBIE, including the Just Transitions Team, is working closely with the local economic development agency to prepare for the launch.

Contact: Mark Jacobs, Director Regional Development, Privacy of natural persons

3. Other Updates

3.1 Release of all announced projects – commonly asked question responses

In response to the unprecedented volume of written parliamentary questions received by PDU last year, a cross PDU team has produced a [publically available report](#) (Announced projects – Q & As) to which we can direct people to conserve time and resource.

The report has a line for each project and answers a core set of questions on each project. It will be updated monthly as new projects are approved, or information on existing projects gets updated.

Confidential information has been withheld where required.

Contact:	Karyn Stillwell, Manager Engagement and Communication	Privacy of natural persons
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Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 4 February 2019	
Waitangi PGF announcements (Mangatoa Station, Kaikohe)	Briefing
Tuesday, 5 February 2019	
Māori Battalion Museum Event (Waitangi Treaty Grounds)	Speech notes, briefing
Wednesday, 6 February 2019	
Thursday, 7 February 2019	
Friday, 8 February 2019	

Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule		
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	MBIE Contact
3 February 2019	Prime Minister to make major PGF announcements at Otamatea Marae, Kaipara – Whenua Māori and Kaipara package. Draft press releases and associated material provided to Minister Jones' Office	Jarred Griffiths
4 February 2019	Prime Minister to make major PGF announcements at Mangatoa Station, Kaikohe – Te Ara Mahi and local digital connectivity. Draft press releases and associated material provided to Minister Jones' Office	Jarred Griffiths
5 February 2019	PM, Minister Jones and other officials to attend ceremony laying Mauri stone for the Māori Battalion Museum on the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Briefing and associated material provided to Minister Jones' Office	Jarred Griffiths
TBC	Announcement the PGF is investing to establish a National Algae Centre at the Cawthron Institute. A draft press release and associated material will be provided to Minister Jones' Office in early 2019.	Laura Barnsley
TBC	Announcement the PGF is supporting the Predator Free 2050 project. A draft press release and associated material will be provided to Minister Jones' Office in early 2019.	Laura Barnsley

Appendix 3 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
2156 18-19	Prime Minister's PGF announcements at Otamatea Marae, 3 February and Kaikohe, 4 February 2019	Minister	Ben Dalton	30 Jan

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Draft Cabinet Paper on the establishment of PGF Ltd	Minister	Isabel Paulson	04 Feb
2314 18-19	Clutha Gold Great Ride – Cycle trail briefing	Minister	David van der Zouwe	04 Feb
TBC	Urban and Rural wellbeing event briefing	Minister	Isabel Poulson	05 Feb
2280 18-19	Regional Studies Association Conference briefing	Minister	Isabel Poulson	05 Feb
2150 18-19	March 2019 DEV Report back	Minister	Isabel Poulson	07 Mar

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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
OIA221	Privacy of natural persons	12 Dec	25 Feb	01 Mar	Sign out	Copies of: 1. The terms of the loan agreement with Westland Milk Products. 2. Any application documents from Westland Milk Products prepared as part of seeking PGF funding. 3. Any advice from officials to the Minister in relation to the loan to Westland Milk Products

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	15 feb	Consultation	Items relating to funding Waitangi National Trust since November 2017
1819-0864		30 Nov	14 Jan	22 Feb	Scoping	Tourism projects receiving PGF grants on the West Coast
1819-0868		30 Nov	14 Jan	23 Mar	Scoping	Copies of papers regarding PGF between 24 Sep to 30 Nov 18

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0945	Privacy of natural persons	13 Dec	25 Jan	25 Feb	Scoping	Copy of Application for Funding form submitted by Barton; all documents submitted by Barton in support of their application; PGF Funding Agreement (or Loan Agreement) between Barton and MBIE; and, all MBIE documents relating to both the assessment of, and the decision to approve, the Application for Funding Copy of Application for Funding form submitted by WMP; all documents submitted by WMP in support of their above application; PGF Funding Agreement (or Loan Agreement) between WMP and MBIE; and, all MBIE documents relating to both the assessment of, and the decision to approve, the Application for Funding.
1819-0925		11 Dec	24 Jan	30 Jan	Scoping	Request for all communications relating to the processing of this request, including the assessment of the request and the preparation of the Ministry's responses to this information request. For the purposes of this request 'communications' includes emails, letters, internal correspondence, briefings, file notes etc.
1819-0887		4 Dec	16 Jan	01 Mar	Drafting	Documentation on the Tranz Alpine and Coastal Pacific service upgrades, including a detailed breakdown of costs.
1819-0890		4 Dec	25 Feb	1 Mar	Scoping	All documents held related to the PGF loan to Westland Milk Products.
1819-0464		22 Sep	14 Nov	30 Jan	Sign out	Records Ministry hold Regional Development Funding app upgrade Russell Wharf
1819-1009		8 Jan	06 Feb	13 Feb	Drafting	Under the OIA, please provide me with the conflict of interest register created in relation to members of Provincial Growth Fund's Independent Advisory panel

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1010	Privacy of natural persons	8 Jan	06 Feb	13 Feb	Drafting	Under the OIA, please provide all information that relates to a preference or expectation (on the part of the Cabinet, Hon Shane Jones, MBIE, the Provincial Development Unit or the Independent Advisory Panel) that projects funded through the Provincial Growth Fund be completed and/or operational in the year 2020. For the avoidance of doubt, this request covers: 1. Any and all internal documentation. "Internal documentation" includes, but is not limited to, emails, memos, reports, briefings and meeting notes from within MBIE, the Provincial Development Unit or the Independent Advisory Panel. 2. Written advice (including emails) from MBIE, the Provincial Development Unit or the Independent Advisory Panel to individuals or organisations that have made an expression of interest or application for funding through the Provincial Growth Fund. 3. Formal documentation such as application and expression of interest forms. 4. Emails from the Office of Hon Shane Jones to MBIE, the Provincial Development Unit or the Independent Advisory Panel.
1819-1028		11 Jan	11 Feb	13 Feb	Drafting	All correspondence between the Serious Fraud Office and the Provincial Growth Fund, including advice - official or otherwise - on how the fund can protect itself from fraud.
1819-1001		19 Dec	5 Feb	8 Feb	Drafting	I would like to request a copy of the original proposal by Ngāti Awa Group Holdings Limited / White Island Tours on the feasibility study for visitor growth at White Island / Whakaari. It is one of the projects mentioned at the Dec. 14 announcement in Ōpōtiki

Appendix 6 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2091	Privacy of natural persons	14 Jan	11 Feb	"Policy Proposal - Argentine government's Head of Households programme" - Tava Olsen
SJ2093		14 Jan	11 Feb	"Maori Organics - Kaianuku" - Mike McCarthy / Rueben Taipari
SJ2098		14 Jan	11 Feb	"The Corrupt Lines Co" - Andy Harland
SJ2103		16 Jan	25 Feb	"Business Case Renewable Diesel Project – Miscanthus plant"
SJ2116		24 Jan	26 Feb	"Relocation of specialised strategic manufacturing machinery – S Auckland to Whangarei"
SJ2113		25 Jan	27 Feb	"Carruth House – Whangarei Boys' High School"
SJ2088		25 Jan	27 Feb	"Ideas for horticulture/ agriculture in Kaikohe area"

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	Independent Advisory Panel meeting papers	From 30 January 2019	Digital channels
N/A	Senior Regional Official meeting papers	From 31 January 2019	Final redactions
Multiple	Weekly Reports (16/11, 23/11, 30/11, 7/12, 14/12 and 21/12)	From 1 February 2019	Ministerial consultation
N/A	Cabinet papers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PGF West Coast Tourism Investment Package • DEV Report back 	From 1 February 2019	Ministerial consultation
N/A	Waitangi announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whenua Māori Cabinet paper • Event briefing • Advice on Kaipara announcements • PGF Investment in skills and infrastructure 	From 11 February 2019 (TBC)	Preparing documents

Documents Released This Week		
Tracking Number	Request	Published
N/A	RED papers 2018	28 January 2019