

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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1. Dashboard updates

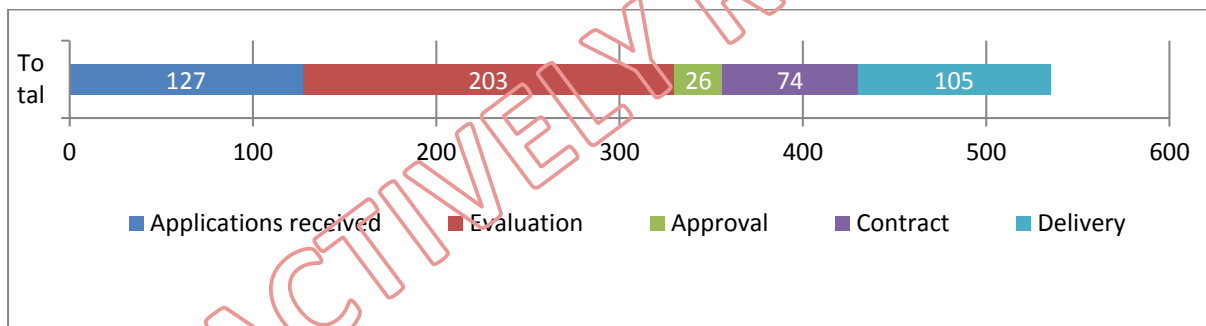
1.1 Status of applications as at 6 February

New projects this week	10
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
865	330	535

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced
240 projects for \$821.9m	157 projects for \$658.5m

1.2 Progress of applications as at 6 February



2. Regional Updates

2.1 West Coast

PipeDrive update

As of 5 February 2019, 72 applications and EOIs have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 1 is being assessed
- 18 have been approved
- 25 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 3 are awaiting further information
- 17 are on hold
- 8 are awaiting assessment

Regional Activity

The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) held a workshop in the Region on December 13 which was attended by Government Partner Agencies (Department of Conservation, Te Puni Kokiri (TPK), Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)) to develop a work programme for the next 6 months to ensure we are all working together to achieve the best outcomes for stakeholders in the region. The meeting was facilitated by Penny Bicknell - Principal Regional Advisor, PDU.

At a Regional Leaders meeting on 18th December 2018, Al Morrison - Senior Regional Official, PDU and Penny Bicknell - Principal Regional Advisor, PDU, advised that we need all three West Coast Districts to work together and ensure that the applications that are put forward which benefit the whole West Coast region. The PDU offered to facilitate workshops across different economic sectors to assist the Region in making collective decisions. This resulted in two workshops being held in January: a Regional Cultural and Heritage workshop on January 21 and a workshop for aged care on January 22.

Upcoming Announcements

There are no planned announcements.

Contact: Kate Styles, Manager Regional Development - Central/South, Privacy of [REDACTED]

2.2 Northland

PipeDrive update

As of 5 February 2019, 171 applications and EOIs have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 24 are being assessed
- 45 have been approved
- 56 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 9 are awaiting further information
- 5 on hold
- 32 are awaiting assessment

Regional Activity

Grant Berghan was appointed as a Principal Regional Advisor in the area to assist in applicants with their applications to the Provincial Growth Fund.

A major package of Kaipara based announcements was made on 3 February. This announcement was held at Otamatea marae and attended by the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, five Cabinet Ministers and more than 200 local and regional people.

A further announcement was made on 4 February at Mangatua Station in Kaikohe outlining the He Poutama Rangatahi (HPR) scheme. A new \$82.4 million fund, Te Ara Mahi, to help unemployed young people in the regions get into work was announced, as well as a \$21 million fund to support reliable digital services for regional and rural communities, including marae.

Upcoming Announcements

A number of announcements are planned for the Tai Tokerau region on 21 February, likely to be located in Kaitiaki. Some highlights of the package include:

- Te Waiariki Nga Wha Springs development
- Northland Water Storage and Use
- Riverside Hotel & Entertainment precinct
- Kupe Waka

Contact: Nicki Sutherland, Manager Regional Development North - Privacy of [REDACTED]

2.3 Southland

PipeDrive update

As of 5 February 2019, 39 applications and EOIs have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 2 are being assessed
- 10 have been approved
- 15 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 2 are awaiting further information
- 1 is on hold
- 9 are awaiting assessment

Regional Activity

There will be an Independent Advisory Panel Meeting in Invercargill on 14 February. The IAP will also be undertaking site visits within Southland as part of its meeting.

On 15 February the PDU and MPI will be meeting with applicants in Invercargill who are being contracted and with several pre-pipeline applicants (including Venture Southland).

Upcoming Announcements

There are no planned announcements.

Contact: Kate Styles, Manager Regional Development - Central/South, Privacy of [REDACTED]

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3. Other Updates

3.1 Māori Partnerships

Following on from the PGF Whenua Māori allocation announcement on 3rd of February 2019, PDU and TPK (alongside MPI) will be developing a more defined and clear partnership plan, to ensure we continue to work collaboratively with Landowners, hapū and Trusts in the development of under-utilised land.

Future engagement opportunities will also continue to focus on the Provincial Growth Fund as a whole, and unlocking Māori potential within ngā rohe.

Key focus areas for the Māori Partnership Plan are:

- Whanau me hapū
- Whenua Māori
- Unlocking Māori potential
- Māori economic opportunities
- Partnering with Team Government

The plan is due to be finalised at the beginning of March 2019.

Contact: Karyn Stillwell, Manager Engagement and Communication, Privacy of

Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 11 February 2019	
Tuesday, 12 February 2019	
Wednesday, 13 February 2019	
USEC - Speech at Regional Studies Association conference in Christchurch	
MBIE Weekly Officials meeting	
Joint - Ministers meeting with Milford Opportunities	
Thursday, 14 February 2019	
Meeting with Tourism NZ	
Friday, 15 February 2019	

February

20 Feb MBIE Weekly Officials Meeting

20 Feb Hold Co DEV

March

Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule		
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	MBIE Contact
12 February 2019	Under-Secretary to issue a press release announcing funding for the Manāwatū Loop	Laura Barnsley
13 February 2019	Under-Secretary will deliver a speech on the Provincial Growth Fund to the Regional Studies Association Conference in Christchurch	Jonathan Gee

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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
2280 18-19	Regional Studies Association Conference briefing	USEC	Isabel Poulson	05 Feb

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
2314 18-19	Clutha Gold Great Ride – Cycle trail briefing	Minister	David van der Zouwe	04 Feb
TBC	Hold Co DEV paper	Minister	Isabel Poulson	15 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 [REDACTED]	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	23 Aug	1 Nov	15 Feb	Consultation	Items relating to funding Waitangi National Trust since November 2017
1819-0864	Privacy of [REDACTED]	30 Nov	14 Jan	22 Feb	Consultation	Tourism projects receiving PGF grants on the West Coast
1819-0868	Privacy of [REDACTED]	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 [REDACTED]	13 Dec	25 Jan	25 Feb	Consultation	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.
1819-0887	Privacy of [REDACTED]	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	Privacy of [REDACTED]	4 Dec	25 Feb	1 Mar	Consultation	All documents held related to the PGF loan to Westland Milk Products.
1819-1009	Privacy of [REDACTED]	8 Jan	06 Feb	13 Feb	Sign out	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 [REDACTED]	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	Privacy of [REDACTED]	11 Jan	11 Feb	13 Feb	Consultation	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	Privacy of [REDACTED]	19 Dec	5 Feb	8 Feb	Sign out	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

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1155	Privacy of [REDACTED]	06 Feb	27 Feb	06 Mar	Scoping	<p>I request the following information in relation to the Provincial Development Unit statement on Tuesday 5 February 2019 that "10,000 jobs may be created as a result of PGF investment".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A complete breakdown of the "10,000 jobs" figure in the form of an itemised list detailing the specific jobs that may be created, the investment that will produce each job and any conditions that must be met in order for each job to be created. 2. For each claim of potential job creation please provide the source document, all analysis and associated information that has been cited or otherwise used to produce a figure. 3. Any external advice that the Provincial Development Unit has sought or received on job creation numbers. 4. All internal correspondence relating to the statement that was released. 5. All correspondence with the Minister for Regional Economic Development's office relating to the statement that was released. 6. A copy of all correspondence including text messages and phone calls that Robert Pigou has had with the Minister for Regional Economic Development or his office relating to the statement that was released. 7. A copy of any spreadsheets or other documents which have been used to calculate the "10,000 jobs" figure. <p>As the Provincial Development Unit has already released this statement and has no doubt corroborated and based the contents on factual information in their possession, I would expect parts 1 and 7 of the information I have requested to be made immediately available.</p>

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Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1158	Privacy of [REDACTED]	05 Feb	26 Feb	06 Mar	Scoping	I formally request all information, correspondence, funding applications, reports, briefings, agenda & minutes of meetings related to the following Provincial Growth Fund projects: 1) National Driver Training Centre Manfeild Park Trust (MPT) Charitable Trust \$ 2,862,000 15 November 2018 2) Establishment of Education and Employment program Turakina Māori Girls College Redevelopment Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa Trust \$ 95,000 15 November 2018
1819-1159	Privacy of [REDACTED]	05 Feb	26 Feb	06 Mar	Scoping	I formally request all information including any correspondence, funding applications, expression of interests (EOI), reports, briefings, plans, agenda & minutes of meetings related to the following He Poutama Rangatahi funded projects: 1) Hastings District Council The Youth Employment Connector work readiness and connections to whānau, employment and specialist services \$460,000 Hawke's Bay 2) Aotearoa Social Enterprise Trust ASET Poutama Rangatahi, work readiness and connections to employment programme \$447,268 Tairāwhiti 3) Kawerau District Council Pathways to Work - capacity building planning \$100,000 Eastern Bay of Plenty 4) Ōpōtiki College Youth to Work Ōpōtiki, retention in education with whānau support, connecting rangatahi to local sectoral and employment opportunities \$754,000 Eastern Bay of Plenty 5) Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga Trust Takatū Youth Mentoring Programme, work readiness and connections to employment with a focus on support with drivers' licensing \$258,000 Hawkes Bay
1819-1160	Privacy of [REDACTED]	05 Feb	26 Feb	06 Mar	Scoping	I formally request all official information including: correspondence, ministerial briefings, briefings, reports, agenda and minutes of meetings related to He Poutama Rangatahi

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1161	Privacy of [REDACTED]	05 Feb	26 Feb	06 Mar	Scoping	I formally request all official information including: correspondence, ministerial briefings, briefings, reports, agenda and minutes of meetings related Te Ara Mahi

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Appendix 6 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2093	Privacy of [REDACTED]	14 Jan	11 Feb	"Maori Organics - Kaianuku" - Privacy of natural persons
SJ2098	Privacy of [REDACTED]	14 Jan	11 Feb	"The Corrupt Lines Co" - Privacy of [REDACTED]
SJ2103	Privacy of [REDACTED]	16 Jan	25 Feb	"Business Case Renewable Diesel Project – Miscanthus plant"
SJ2116	Privacy of [REDACTED]	24 Jan	26 Feb	"Relocation of specialised strategic manufacturing machinery – S Auckland to Whangarei"
SJ2133	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	25 Jan	27 Feb	"Carruth House – Whangarei Boys' High School"
SJ2088	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	25 Jan	27 Feb	"Ideas for horticulture/ agriculture in Kaikohe area"

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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	Senior Regional Official meeting papers	From 11 February 2019	Preparing documents
Multiple	Weekly Reports (16/11, 23/11, 30/11, 7/12, 14/12 and 21/12)	From 11 February 2019	Preparing documents
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 Maori 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
N/A	Independent advisory Panel meeting papers	11 February 2019