

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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1. Dashboard updates

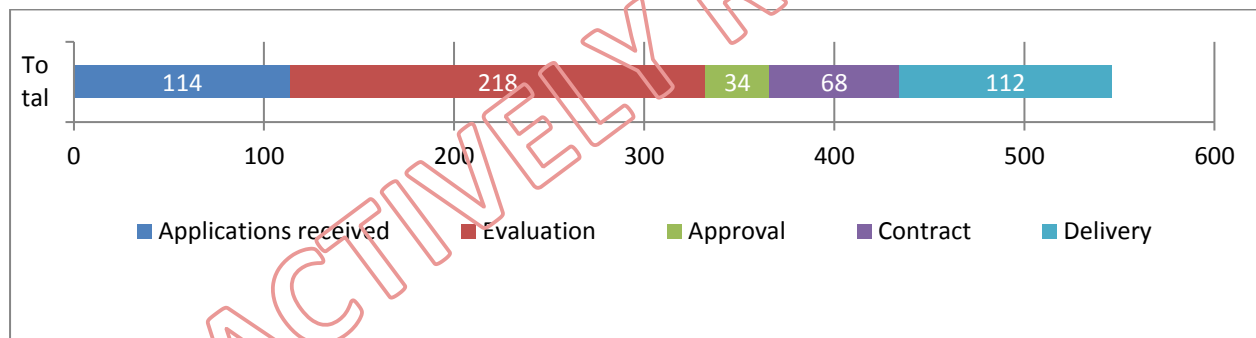
1.1 Status of applications as at 13 February

New projects this week	7
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
872	331	541

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced
240 projects for \$821.9m	165 projects for \$700.1m

1.2 Progress of applications as at 13 February



2. Regional Updates

2.1 Canterbury

PipeDrive update

As of 5 February 2019, 37 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 7 are being assessed
- 11 have been approved
- 9 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 2 are awaiting further information
- 1 is on hold
- 6 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

Kaikōura District Council Capacity Support (\$0.2m Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Funding): Good progress has been made on developing the business cases for the Marina Centre of Excellence, Kaikōura Airport Development and Kaikōura Marina Development projects, with the Commercial Information showing particular promise.

Upcoming Announcements

On Friday 15 February 2019 Minister Jones will announce in Methven \$7.5 million PGF funding for the development of the \$15 million Opuke Thermal Pools Complex in the town.

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

2.2 Manawatū-Whanganui

PipeDrive update

As of 5 February 2019, 74 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 1 is being assessed
- 27 have been approved
- 25 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 4 are awaiting further information
- 4 are on hold
- 13 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

Team Government is convening weekly meetings to:

- plan ahead for the next phase of development to support the Manawatū-Whanganui region, and;
- identify and establish project teams for each area of development priorities involving different agencies as needed.

Ruapehu District Destination Plan:

The Provincial Development Unit (PDU), Department of Conservation (DoC) and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Tourism team met with Ruapehu District Council and Taupō District Council where the spatial planning work was discussed (as part of the wider destination management work programme). A collective of iwi around the Maunga is being formed to provide feedback. The next hui is likely to be in March. To maintain momentum, the initial focus will be on projects that can be progressed whilst the iwi collective and spatial planning is taking shape.

Skills and employment are a major focus for the Manawatū-Whanganui region. This is being led by the A25 Skills and Employment sub group. Some of the key initiatives that are rolling out of this are:

- Scoping of Manawatū-Whanganui hub – as part of the Construction and Skills Action Plan, a hub will be based at Manfield to service the major roading infrastructure projects and long term transport and logistics. The Sector Workforce Engagement Programme (SWEF) has been coordinating this and will fund two roles at the hub during the start-up phase.
- To support a coordinated effort of government response to skills and employment in the region, SWEF has been initiating a Regional Investment Portfolio for Employment (RIPE). The aim is supply the region with relevant data that will initiate discussion, identify gaps and prioritise sectors and initiatives for the region.
- MSD have proposed a structure under the A25 Skills and Employment sub-committee to have line of sight across the different labour markets.
- It has been identified that further stakeholder engagement is required to socialise the hub concept, RIPE and proposed A25 wider labour market structure, SWEF is assisting stakeholders with this.

Team Government consisting of: PDU, MBIE, Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and Te Puni Kokiri (TPK) continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders in the region to identify potential opportunities and development aspirations for PGF.

A Team Government hui was held on 11 February in Whanganui attended by PDU, MPI and TPK. The purpose was to agree on focused efforts of work streams

over the next 6 to 9 months.

There are a number of initiatives that focus on skills training and employment with some aligned to the work ready for infrastructure development, and have been given indications of positive support from the private sector. PDU collaboration between the Regional Development, Sector Workforce Engagement and Te Ara Mahi teams will ensure that the Manawatū-Whanganui region builds skills capacity and capability to better prepared and respond to industry employment demands of the region.

Upcoming Announcements

There are no planned announcements.

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3. Other Updates

3.1 Māori Partnerships

Following the announcements on 3 February 2019 regarding Whenua Māori, the PDU are responsible for ensuring iwi/hapū and or landowners are aware of what the PGF Whenua Māori programme is, and how it can be accessed. Alongside TPK and MPI, PDU will continue to meet with applicants, as well as other Māori entities, regarding under-utilised Māori land that can be unlocked to help build Māori economies.

The themes of the Northland announcements focused around Kaupapa Māori, Māori economies, socio-economic development, rangatahi and sustainability. We will continue to partner with iwi/hapū and other Māori entities on investment ready projects to the PGF to ensure longevity of productivity within our rohe.

Recently PDU has been a part of planning sessions with PGF staff from TPK, to plan engagement with Mana Whenua within different rohe. We have also supported TPK in other iwi hui over the last two weeks, in Hawke's Bay and in Otago, ensuring partnership with Māori and local government is seamless and fluid. Māori are starting to see the opportunities the PGF carries for te ao Māori and some are capital ready to apply to the PGF.

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

3.2 Predator Free 2050 announcement

On Monday 18 February, Ministers Jones and Sage will announce \$19.5m of PGF funding for Predator Free 2050 Limited at a media event at Zealandia. The funding will be used for predator control programmes in selected surge regions as well as for investing in new trapping technology.

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

Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 18 February 2019	
PGF announcement with Minister Sage	Briefing
Tuesday, 19 February 2019	
Wednesday, 20 February 2019	
MBIE Weekly Officials Meeting	
Meeting with Ministers Davis and Faafoi on allocation of radio spectrum and Treaty of Waitangi issues	
Thursday, 21 February 2019	
Friday, 22 February 2019	
USEC - Trip to Central Hawkes Bay District Council	

February

- 26 Future of Work Tripartite Forum
- 27 MBIE Weekly Officials meeting

March

- 14 RED Ministers' meeting

Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule		
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	MBIE Contact
15 Feb 2019	Minister Jones in Methven, Canterbury to announce funding for Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa project.	Jarred Griffiths
15 Feb 2019	Ministers Jackson and Sage are attending an event on the East Coast announcing Ka Hao te Rangatahi, a new training programme targeting the Waiapu catchment. The programme is funded by He Poutama Rangatahi through Vote Employment.	DOC
18 Feb 2019	Ministers Jones and Sage to announce funding for Predator Free 2050 during morning event at Zealandia, Wellington.	Jarred Griffiths

Appendix 3 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
2381 18-19	Draft Cabinet paper on the establishment of PGF Limited for consultation	Minister	Isabel Poulson	13 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	12 Feb
2503 18-19	Predator Free 2050 announcement 15 Feb 2019	Minister	Isabel Poulson	14 Feb
2502 18-19	Proactive release of Waitangi announcement papers	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
OIA 234	Privacy of natural persons	31 Jan	20 Feb	20 Feb	Sign out	Re PQ 31122 Copy of PGF paper on waste 15 Nov 2018
OIA 236		1 Feb	21 Feb	21 Feb	Sign out	All documents regarding \$7.5 million PGF fund to NZ Howard League Penal reform
OIA 238		4 Feb	26 Feb	26 Feb	Consultation	List of briefings received between 01 Jan and 31 Jan 2019

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	Consultation	Tourism projects receiving PGF grants on the West Coast
1819-0868		30 Nov	14 Jan	23 Mar	Consultation	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	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		4 Dec	16 Jan	01 Mar	Sign out	Documentation on the TranzAlpine and Coastal Pacific service upgrades, including a detailed breakdown of costs.
1819-0890		4 Dec	25 Feb	1 Mar	Consultation	All documents held related to the PGF loan to Westland Milk Products.
1819-1028		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.

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1155	Privacy of natural persons	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>

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1158	Privacy of natural persons	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		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		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 natural persons	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
SJ2103	Privacy of natural persons	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"
SJ2133		25 Jan	27 Feb	"Carruth House – Whangarei Boys' High School"
SJ2088		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
PQ 1163 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 17 December 2018 and 23 December 2018 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 1166 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 14 January 2019 and 20 January 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 1176 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 24 December 2018 and 30 December 2018 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 2024 (2019)	David Seymour	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	Was the \$10 million loan to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Ltd provided at a concessional interest rate?
PQ 2163 (2019)	David Seymour	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	Has he, the Provincial Development Unit, or the Independent Advisory Panel given advice to organisations seeking funding through the Provincial Growth Fund that it is preferred or expected that projects will be completed or become operational in the year 2020?
PQ 1103 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 21 January 2019 and 27 January 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 2026 (2019)	David Seymour	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	In providing a \$10 million loan to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Ltd, was the company offered delayed repayment?
PQ 1150 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 31 December 2018 and 6 January 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 1168 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 7 January 2019 and 13 January 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?

Written Parliamentary Questions

Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 114 (2019)	Hon Paula Bennett	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What is the estimated cost (in NZ dollars) of the Provincial Growth Fund Panel in the 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years?
PQ 2170 (2019)	David Seymour	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	Further to his answer to written question 32527, how much additional funding did the Paihia Wharf upgrade require and for what purpose?
PQ 2180 (2019)	David Seymour	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	Have any external consultants or contractors been engaged to do work in relation to the Provincial Growth Fund; if so, for what purpose and what is the total budget for external consultants and contractors?
PQ 953 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What advice, if any, has the Minister received on Provincial Growth Fund job creation, listed by title and date?
PQ 642 (2019)	Hon Paula Bennett	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	As of 11 February 2019, what is the total amount (in NZ dollars) spent on the Provincial Growth Fund Panel since October 26 2017?
PQ 1119 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 4 February 2019 and 10 February 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 633 (2019)	Hon Paula Bennett	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	As of 11 February 2019, what is the total amount (in NZ dollars) spent on the review into Renew Energy waste-to-energy scheme since October 26 2017?
PQ 944 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	On what date was the Provincial Development Unit established?
PQ 947 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	Did the Minister instruct his officials to release the media statement titled "Provincial Growth Fund creating jobs in the regions" dated 5 February 2019?
PQ 109 (2019)	Hon Paula Bennett	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What is the estimated cost (in NZ dollars) of the review into Renew Energy waste-to-energy scheme in the 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years?

Written Parliamentary Questions

Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 1111 (2019)	Hon Paula Bennett	12 Feb 2019	19 Feb 2019	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 28 January 2019 and 3 February 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?

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Appendix 8 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Tracking Number	Name	Due for release	Status
Multiple	Weekly Reports (9/02, 2/02, 25/01)	From 22 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 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	SRO Papers	11 February 2019