

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 27 March

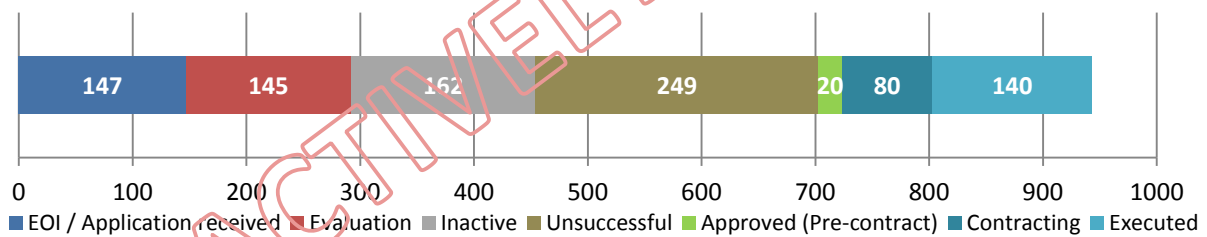
New projects this week	10
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
943	351	592

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced
239 projects for \$653.71m*	185 projects for \$752.4m

* Note this does not include major sector allocations such as Te Ara Mahi, Whenua Māori, 1BT, Transport.

1.2 Progress of applications and EOI as at 27 March



* Please note that the graphic has changed to reflect the number of inactive projects (projects either on hold or withdrawn) that were previously captured in the Evaluation stage. Additionally, Unsupported EOIs are now categorised as Unsuccessful, increasing its numbers. Approved projects also includes out of process projects that are managed by other PGF agencies.

2. Regional Updates

2.1 Otago

PipeDrive update

As of 27 March 2019, 44 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 3 are being assessed
- 9 have been approved
- 19 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 3 are awaiting further information
- 2 are on hold
- 8 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) office met with the CEO of Scott Technology to discuss a proposed application to support the commercialisation of a number of its technologies. The next step is for the PDU Investment Director to work with Scott Technology to receive its application.

PDU officials met with Farra Engineering to discuss the next steps of its Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) funded Engineering Hub feasibility study.

PDU Officials met with Dunedin City Council and Confidential consultants to progress the Dunedin Waterfront Project application. More information has been requested from the applicant.

PDU officials attended the Otago Regional Economic Development group meeting, with attendees including the economic development managers from each district council in the region. At the meeting it was noted that the group has a pending meeting with the four rūnanga in Otago to discuss economic development and future opportunities to work collectively to deliver economic outcomes to the region.

The PDU have executed the Rosebank Industrial Sliplane and Fast Tracking Escea Fireplaces into the Wood Fireplaces in Wood Fire Manufacture applications.

Upcoming Announcements

There are no upcoming announcements.

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2.2 Manawatū-Whanganui

PipeDrive update

As of 27 March 2019, 80 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 4 are being assessed
- 27 have been approved
- 29 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 6 are awaiting further information
- 5 are on hold
- 9 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) received a \$10 million loan from the PGF in 2018 for a \$25m gondola at Whakapapa ski field. The construction is on schedule and due to be completed in time for the 2019 season.

The Ruapehu District Council applied for \$1.48m from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for a park and ride facility. This facility located in the National Park Village, is currently under construction and is planned to be operational in mid-June 2019.

Ruapehu District Council received funding for a visitor development plan. The Ruapehu-Tongariro Tourism Development Programme is one of the first deliberate destination management approaches, as identified in the Government Tourism Strategy. Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and Department of Conservation (DOC) are developing the work programme for the Development Manager with Ruapehu District Council. MBIE and DOC will convene governance for the Long-Term Tourism Management Plan, scope the work programme and coordinate the establishment of the programme. The Minister of Tourism, Hon Kelvin Davis, intends to visit Whakapapa on 17 May 2019 to hear about the programme.

Skills and employment through the Sector Workforce Engagement Programme (SWEP) is a major focus for the Manawatū-Whanganui region. This is being led by the A25 Skills and Employment sub-group. Some of the programme's key initiatives are:

- A skills and employment hub which started in the region as part of the Construction and Skills Action plan.
- A Regional Investment Portfolio for Employment (RIPE) initiated by SWEP to support a coordinated effort of government response to skills and employment in the region. This will supply the region with relevant data to identify gaps and prioritise sectors and initiatives for the region.
- A mechanism proposed by Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to have line of sight across the different labour markets for transparent process and feedback on employment initiatives to promote collaboration and avoid duplication. This structure aligns with the RIPE.

Upcoming Announcements

There are no upcoming announcements.

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2.3 Southland

PipeDrive update

As of 27 March 2019, 44 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 4 are being assessed
- 11 have been approved
- 18 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 3 are awaiting further information
- 2 are on hold
- 6 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

PDU and Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) officials met with the four rūnanga (Oraka Apirima, Hokonui, Awarua, Waihopai) and Māori land trusts in Southland to provide insights on the PGF. Representatives of these groups expressed strong interest in gaining support for projects with Southland. The officials from PDU and TPK intend to return to Southland to meet with the group in mid-April.


PDU and Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) officials have been in discussions with a number of potential applicants around the dairy and aquaculture sectors.

PDU officials are looking at rail freight opportunities in both Otago and Southland.

Upcoming Announcements

The Gore package will be announced on 18 April and will include tourism, and skills and employment initiatives.

The overall value of the package will be \$3.8 million. It will consist of the Hokonui Moonshine Museum and Maruawai Visitors Centre (\$1.7 million) and the Hokonui Huanui (\$2.1 million).

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3. Updates

3.1 PGF, PwC and BNZ Roadshow

3.2 PGF, PwC and BNZ Roadshow

The PDU presented at the “PGF, PricewaterhouseCooper and Bank of New Zealand (BNZ) Workshop” held in Hamilton on 20 March. The event was attended by Kathy Mansell, Senior Regional Official for Waikato, Michelle Paki, Senior Regional Advisor for Waikato, and Aaron Hape, Principal Advisor Investment Management. The purpose of this event was to increase local Iwi and business awareness of the PGF, to create connections between interested parties and to improve the quality and volume of applications. In attendance were local businesses, Iwi and community/Council leaders. The initial reception of the event was positive. This was the final event in this series of roadshow events.

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Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 1 April 2019	
Tuesday, 2 April 2019	
Wednesday, 3 April 2019	
MBIE Weekly Officials meeting	
Thursday, 4 April 2019	
USEC Meeting with Tourism Industry Aotearoa Chief Executive	
USEC Meeting with Tenby Powell, Chair of the Small Business Council	
Friday, 5 April 2019	
Minister Jones visit to Hokianga with the Deputy Prime Minister	

April

May

- 5 Minister Jones Hokianga visit with DPM
- 10 MBIE Officials meeting
- 12 Minister Jones in Whangarei visit with Wilson Earthmoving Group

Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule		
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	MBIE Contact
5 April	Minister Jones in Hokianga to announce a range of PGF investments relating to digital connectivity, water storage and forestry joint ventures.	Gita Parsot
12 April	The Deputy Prime Minister and Ministers Jones and Jackson in Northland to announce PGF investments relating to a heavy machinery training centre and skills and employment.	Gita Parsot
W/C 15 April	Under-Secretary Tabuteau to announce approx. \$400,000 PGF funding towards Te Tau Ihu 2077 strategy.	Jarred Griffiths
18 April	Minister Jones in Gore to announce approx. \$3.8m for two PGF projects: Hokonui Huanui, a rangatahi training programme, and the development of the Maruawai precinct.	Jonathan Gee

Appendix 3 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
2982 18-19	Event briefing to support USEC meeting with Tenby Powell	USEC	Isabel Poulson	TBC 29 Mar

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
2869 18-19	Aide Memoire Engaging third parties to help project oversight	TBC	AJ Millward	1 Apr
TBC	Event briefing to support USEC meeting with Tourism Industry Aotearoa	USEC	Isabel Poulson	1 Apr
2911 18-19	Meeting with Te Tira Toi Whakangao	Minister Jones/ USEC	Isabel Poulson	5 Apr
2877 18-19	Event briefing to support Minister Jones' Gore announcements	Minister Jones	Kate Styles	12 Apr
	Event briefing to support USEC attendance at NZIER event	USEC	Isabel Poulson	22 Apr

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 245	Privacy of natural persons	6 Mar	1 Apr	5 Apr	Drafting	I am seeking the following information under the OIA. 1) The documentation of funding requests and approval of funding of the irrigation schemes that have been approved through the Provincial Growth Fund. 2) The documentation of any funding requests for irrigation schemes through the Provincial Growth Fund that have not yet been approved. 3) Information about any of the rules within the Provincial growth fund that apply to funding irrigation schemes. Please let me know as soon as possible if you need further detail on the request
OIA255		19 Mar	01 Apr	8 Apr	Drafting	The minutes of the Provincial Growth Fund meeting Shane Jones attended, at which the Manea Footprints of Kupe project was discussed. And the minutes and details of any other meetings where the Minister was present and projects which he had declared conflicts of interest over were discussed.
OIA250		19 Mar	29 March	4 Apr	Sign off	Seeking all official advice that relates to the Provincial Growth Fund's involvement with the Manea Footprints of Kupe project

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
1819-0868		30 Nov	15 Mar	22 Mar	Assembling Documentation	Copies of papers regarding PGF between 24 Sep to 30 Nov 18

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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	6 Feb	15 Mar	22 Mar	Partial response sent	<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	5 Feb	27 Mar	3 Apr	Collating documents	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

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Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1159	Privacy of natural persons	5 Feb	27 Mar	3 Apr	Consulting	I formally request all information including any correspondence, funding applications, expressions of interest (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		5 Feb	27 Mar	3 Apr	Drafting	I formally request all official information including: correspondence, ministerial briefings, briefings, reports, agenda and minutes of meetings related to He Poutama Rangatahi
1819-1161		5 Feb	27 Mar	3 Apr	Drafting	I formally request all official information including: correspondence, ministerial briefings, briefings, reports, agenda and minutes of meetings related Te Ara Mahi

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1236	Privacy of natural persons	20 Feb	13 Mar	20 Mar	Sent partial response	<p>To whom it may concern, Under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982, I request the following information in relation to the Minister for Regional Economic Development's interview with 1 News on 20 February 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all material provided by MBIE to the Minister for Regional Economic Development and his office in preparation for the interview • all communications between the Minister's office and MBIE officials in relation to the interview • all communications between the Minister's office and MBIE officials in relation to ascertaining the number of jobs created by the Provincial Growth Fund • a list of the 229 projects referenced in the 1 News piece • a breakdown of all 560 jobs that have been created, listed by the name of the project and the number of full time and part time equivalent jobs counted for each o for each job, please include the date in which the job was created and when, if applicable, the job is expected to end • a list of each project that officials contacted to ascertain how many jobs have been created • all correspondence between MBIE officials and each of the project recipients relating to the number of jobs the recipients' project has created • all arithmetic, spreadsheets and source documents used to arrive at the 560 job creation calculation • all communications with Tiff and Robin Holland from the Waitangi Mountain Bike Park

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1175	Privacy of natural persons	10 Feb	29 Mar	25 Apr	Consulting	I request a copy of all aides memoire, memos, reports, briefings and papers produced by the Provincial Development Unit in the period 1 April 2018 to 30 April 2018 (both dates inclusive.)
1819-1260		25 Feb	5 Apr	12 Apr	Consulting	I request a copy of all aides memoire, memos, reports, briefings and papers produced by the Provincial Development Unit in the period 1 May 2018 to 31 May 2018 (both dates inclusive.)

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Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1276	Privacy of natural persons	26 Feb	16 Apr	23 Apr	Consulting	<p>I am looking for information regarding the approval of funding under the Provincial Growth Fund. It would be ideal to have access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any advice given to the government or any minister assessing the risk and benefits of proposals from the Provincial Growth Fund including but not limited to memos, letters, reports and briefing papers; • Any information regarding the process for approving funding, including but not limited to information of who has the mandate to approve the funding and at what levels; • A list of all projects considered for funding in the rounds already made public; and what stage they are currently at; • A list of all approved projects and what investment has to date been made by the Government, through the Provincial Growth Fund; • This should include but not be limited to any assessments of the value of funding these projects, any discussion of the risks and benefits of funding each project, the criteria used to assess them, and any material submitted by the projects in order to assist any decision making; • Any discussion or advice on how the success of the specific projects could be measured or how success of the Provincial Growth Fund could be measured.

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Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1351	Privacy of natural persons	11 Mar	1 Apr	08 Apr	Sign out	<p>Kia ora, Thank you for your letter. I am a bit confused at the content, and am wondering if this particular letter was accidentally meant for someone else? The explanation given in the letter didn't at all align with what I had been told and noted down on the call a few weeks back. The 3 reasons given for declining our application on the phone call were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stats NZ didn't consider our Regional Data Capability project 'a good fit' • There was concern our project was all government funding (which I mentioned on the phone was not the case as we have our other Figure's 20 partners, too) • Concern that there wasn't a clear view of what would happen post the three year duration of the project <p>Also, as I mentioned on that phone call – we have serious concern with Stats NZ's involvement in the process due to their behaviour in the past towards Figure.NZ which has included them contacting our private and public sector partners to try and get them to work with Stats NZ rather than Figure.NZ, and also how they have used our Intellectual Property. What kind of assurance can you give us with regards to the processes that have been used when sharing our Intellectual Property in the Regional Data Capability project proposal with others to review it, in particular Stats NZ, that it will be protected from any of those people or organisations being able to take and use it? And finally, can we please be provided with the feedback from each of those that you sent our proposal to, and in particular where it did and did not match with the criteria set for funding. Best, Lillian</p>

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1333	Privacy of natural persons	08 Mar	1 Apr	05 Apr	Sign out	MBIE Spotlight Paper: Can New Zealand be internationally competitive in selling sawn timber into the Chinese Market?
1819-1323		06 Mar	27 Mar	03 Apr	Consulting	I request a copy of all aides memoire, memos, reports, briefings and papers produced by the Provincial Development Unit in the period 1 June 2018 to 30 June 2018 (both dates inclusive.)

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Appendix 6 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2208	<small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	12 Mar	8 Apr	Request for investment into five regional Māori initiatives
SJ2218		12 Mar	8 Apr	Proposal for a 50% surcharge on all overseas payments to providers of jobs that could be managed in NZ

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Appendix 7 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions

Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
Various	Hon Paul Goldsmith	27 Mar	1 Apr	Various questions relating to the table released in PQ 9758 (2019).

Oral Parliamentary Questions

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

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
N/A	Independent Advisory Panel meeting papers	From 11 February 2019	Preparing documents
Multiple	Weekly Reports (1/3, 8/3, 15/3)	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	Regional Economic Development meeting papers	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 March 2019	Ministerial Consultation

Documents Released This Week		
Tracking Number	Request	Published
Multiple	Weekly Reports (25/1, 01/2, 08/2, 15/2, 22/2)	TBC