

Regional Economic Development

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 27 February

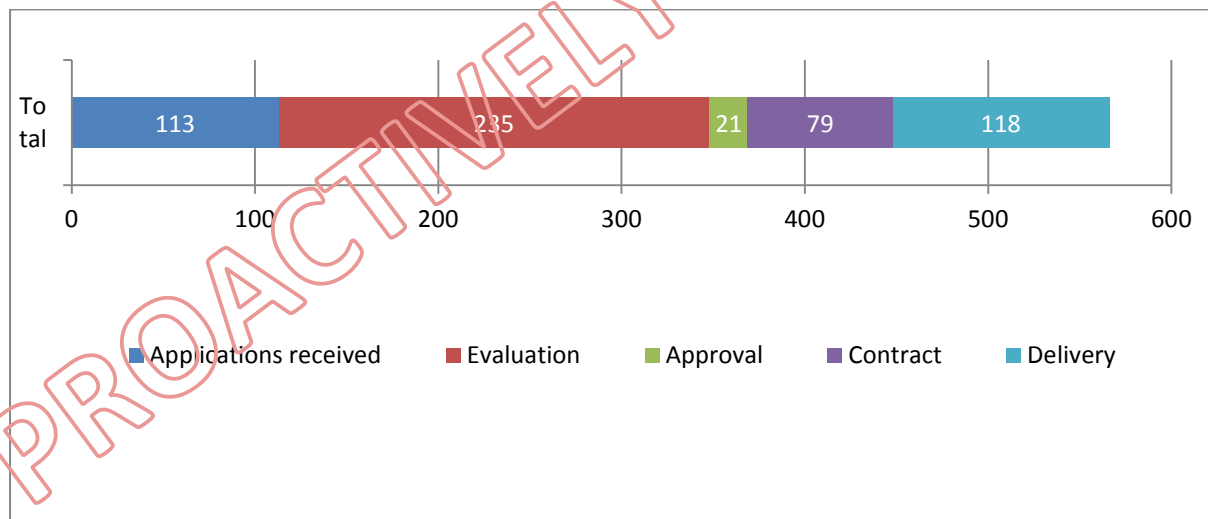
New projects this week	14
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
897	336	566

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced
231 projects for \$647.4m	172 projects for \$736.29m*

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

1.2 Progress of applications as at 27 February



2. Regional Updates

2.1 East Coast/ Tairāwhiti

PipeDrive update

As of 27 February 2019, 52 applications and EOIs have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 8 are being assessed
- 21 have been approved
- 12 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 4 are awaiting further information
- 6 are on hold
- 1 is awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

Tairāwhiti Roothing

The Senior Regional Officer (SRO) has established a joint governance group, with representatives from New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), Provincial Development Unit (PDU), Ministry of Social Development (MSD) plus the Gisborne District Council and iwi. The Group will oversee the roading contract and will ensure that social procurement aspects, primarily relating to jobs for locals, are included.

Whenua Māori

Agencies have combined to identify Māori landowners requiring support to submit PGF Whenua Māori applications. Confidential information entrusted to the Government

Workforce Capacity and Capability

Sectors which have identified the lack of an available and skilled workforce as the single largest barrier to growth. A forum of key stakeholders will develop sector priorities, plans to harness and coordinate local resources.

Rural Coverage

The PDU will meet with small town trusts and cooperatives in March. The meetings will identify how local communities can better participate in the economy, can improve employment outcomes and achieve sustainable economic growth, further identifying opportunities for connection with our programmes. This work will occur mainly through the PGF-related Te Ara Mahi and He Poutama Rangatahi programmes.

Ministers Jackson and Sage launched Ka Hao te Rangatahi land management training programme at Te Heapara marae in Ruatoria on 15 February. Ten enthusiastic and engaged youth are now enjoying this opportunity offered by Department of Conservation (DOC), Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT) and funded by He Poutama Rangatahi.

Upcoming Announcements

Māori Business Scale Up

TPK and the local economic development agency (Activate Tairāwhiti) have agreed to co-host a forum in late March or early April. The purpose of the forum is to increase the number of applications from local business' to the PGF, Te Ara

Mahi and He Poutama Rangatahi.

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2.2 Northland

PipeDrive update

As of 27 February 2019, 177 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 26 are being assessed
- 46 have been approved
- 63 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 11 are awaiting further information
- 6 are on hold
- 25 are waiting assessment.

Regional Activity

An announcement was made by Minister Kelvin Davis at Te Ahu community centre, Kaitaia on 27 February for a total of \$8.2065 million in PGF funding. This announcement package included the following projects:

- Kupe Waka
- Te Hiku Sports Hub
- Te Mingi Barge Site Feasibility
- Aupōuri Ngātikahu Te Rarawa (Developing Projects)
- Te Hiku Water Solutions

The package of announcements was themed on investing in the Far North community. With many young people leaving the district for work and education opportunities, the PGF is supporting projects in the Far North that contribute to a strong and welcoming community, as well as job creations and driving economic development.

Following the announcement on 3 February of the Kaipara package at Otamatea Marae, attention is now focused on establishing governance and project management capabilities.

Upcoming Announcements

The following announcements are tentatively planned for Te Tai Tokerau:

- 15 March - Minister Davis to announce Whangarei Tourism package early afternoon, and;
- Deputy Prime Minister Peters, Minister Davis and Minister Jones in Kaikohe to announce Mid North Package in Kaikohe.
- 5 April - Deputy Prime Minister Peters and Minister Jones in the Hokianga to announce Forestry/Marae Connectivity and other land development opportunities (Rangi Point) in Hokianga.
- 12 April - Minister Jones to announce Wilson Training Centre and Accelerating our Capability (TAM) in Whangarei.
- Date TBC - Ministers Parker and Jones to announce Mid North and Kaipara Water project - location TBC.

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2.3 Bay of Plenty

PipeDrive update

As of 27 February 2019, 93 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 24 are being assessed
- 9 have been approved
- 23 have been declined, withdrawn or are unsupported
- 8 are awaiting further information
- 7 are on hold
- 22 are awaiting assessment.

Regional Activity

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Regional Development Project Implementation has now been executed. This follows on from the December announcement and will manage and develop the 65 opportunities identified in the Regional Development Project Report.

Stakeholder engagement across the region has included meeting with Iwi leaders in Rotorua to present around the Whenua Māori Fund. This meeting was supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and TPK.

Confidential information entrusted to the Government

Weekly conference calls are in place for central government agencies in the Bay of Plenty to ensure that agencies are well connected and are supporting the work of the Provincial Growth Fund.

Contract negotiations continue with the relevant organisations who have had their applications approved. This is an area of focus for the team.

Upcoming Announcements

There are no upcoming announcements.

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3. Updates

3.1 Priority updates

3.1 Matai Lab Announcement

In November 2018 Regional Economic Development Ministers approved \$6 million for Matai Lab to establish a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) lab in Gisborne. We are engaging with the applicant to finalise a funding agreement and are looking to confirm a possible announcement date, with the view to compiling a programme of engagements for the Minister of Regional Economic Development.

Given the nature of the project, it may be worthwhile to engage the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation and the Minister of Health to make a joint announcement alongside the Minister of Regional Economic Development.

This is a particularly newsworthy story and we are awaiting an indication of the Minister's availability to visit Gisborne/ Tairāwhiti for announcement logistics.

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3.2 Other updates

3.2 Proactive Release

We have started to proactively release more information about funding decisions to better manage the volume of queries we are receiving. We now have a month of website visitor data and we are encouraged to see that over the last month:

- 1,196 users viewing pages about proactive release
- 579 documents were downloaded.

The most popular download was a paper outlining proposed principles for PGF investment in Economic Development Agencies (EDAs). The paper can be found here <https://www.growregions.govt.nz/assets/governance-meetings/position-papers/position-paper-economic-development-agencies.pdf>

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Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 4 March 2019	
Tuesday, 5 March 2019	
Wednesday, 6 March 2019	
MBIE Officials Meeting	
USEC Officials Meeting	
Thursday, 7 March 2019	
Friday, 8 March 2019	

March

- 14 USEC meeting with Te Waka
- 18 IAP meeting
- 18 PGF media briefing
- 19 USEC speaking at EDNZ Inclusive Growth Conference
- 21 USEC speaking at PDU away day
- 25 RED Ministers meeting

April

- 5 USEC Hawke's Bay announcement

Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule		
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	MBIE Contact
15 March	Minister Davis to announce PGF funding for four Whangarei tourism projects in Whangarei. The event will be preceded by a Department of Corrections announcement.	Laura Barnsley
15 March	Deputy Prime Minister Peters and Ministers Jones and Davis to announce PGF funding for several projects in the mid-North (Northland). The event will be preceded by a Te Uru Rakau / Department of Corrections event.	Laura Barnsley
19 March	The Under-Secretary Tabuteau will deliver the opening address at the Economic Development New Zealand (EDNZ) Inclusive Growth Conference in Wellington	Jonathan Gee
5 April	The Under-Secretary Tabuteau will announce a package of investments for the Hawke's Bay region.	Jarred Griffiths
TBC	The Under-Secretary Tabuteau will announce capacity funding from the PGF for organisations leading economic development in the regions.	Laura Barnsley

Appendix 3 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
2325 18-19	Manfeild Park Trust National Driver Training Centre Loan Approval	Ministers (Finance, Regional Economic Development), USEC	David van der Zouwe	25-Feb
2567 18-19	Chatham Islands Airport Upgrade	Minister	David van der Zouwe	25 Feb
2643 18-19	Confidential information - projects under active consideration	Minister	Isabel Poulson	26-Feb
2642 18-19		Minister	Isabel Poulson	26-Feb

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Aide Memoire on status of funding for the redevelopment at Dolomite Point in Punakaiki	USEC	Kate Styles	28 Feb
2647 18-19	Confidential information entrusted to the Government	Minister	Al Morrison	28 Feb
2150 18-19	March 2019 DEV Report back	Minister	Isabel Poulson	07 Mar
TBC	Event briefing for Te Waka Visit	Minister	Isabel Poulson	11 Mar
TBC	Event Briefing for USEC attendance at Inclusive Growth Conference on 19 March	USEC / Minister	Isabel Poulson	11 Mar

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-009	Privacy of natural persons	20 Feb	22 Feb	27 Feb	Drafting	Copy of all communications to do with He Poutama Rangatahi from 1 October, 2017. I would expect this to include all communications between you and your office and any other ministerial office or any government department as well as all advice, reports, briefing notes, emails, texts, meeting notes, and summaries of telephone conversations which fall within the scope of my request.

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	Sign out	Copies of papers regarding PGF between 24 Sep to 30 Nov 18
1819-1028		11 Jan	28 Feb	1 Mar	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.

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	Drafting	<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	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
1819-1159		05 Feb	26 Feb	06 Mar	Collating documents	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

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1160	Privacy of natural persons	05 Feb	26 Feb	06 Mar	Collating documents/ re scoping request	I formally request all official information including: correspondence, ministerial briefings, briefings, reports, agenda and minutes of meetings related to He Poutama Rangatani
1819-1161		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
1819-1245		22 Feb	15 Mar	22 Mar	Scoping	1. How many applications have been received by the PGF to date have fallen into the amber box category and how many of these have been approved; and 2. What guidelines have been issued to ensure that applications to the PGF are green box?; and 3. Does the Govt anticipate that it will be making any amber box notifications to the WTO as a result of approval of PGF payments?
1819-1124		30 Jan	18 Mar	22 Mar	Gathering information	Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to, internal and external email communications, briefings, reports, and advice, sent or received by the Provincial Development Unit as part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment, regarding the granting of \$7.5 million from the Provincial Growth Fund to the New Zealand Howard League for Penal Reform, as referenced here.

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1174	Privacy of natural persons	05 Feb	28 Feb	06 Mar	Consultation	Please provide the workings underlying the job creation claims here, along with any correspondence with Treasury relating to that modelling. https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12201039

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Appendix 6 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2133	Privacy of natural persons	25 Jan	4 Mar	"Carruth House – Whangarei Boys' High School"
SJ2088		25 Jan	4 Mar	"Ideas for horticulture/ agriculture in Kaikohe area"
SJ2189		21 Feb	1 Mar	"Kamo High School re urgent funding to run Hairdressing and trades"
SJ2188		21 Feb	1 Mar	"Eastfield Ashburton Hairdressers and trades"

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Appendix 7 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 7172 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	21 Feb	26-Feb (sent)	What support, if any, is the Minister or their reporting agencies planning to provide in 2019 to help more New Zealanders access broadband network speeds of up to 10 gigabit download and upload streams?
PQ 7000 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	21 Feb	26-Feb (sent)	What papers, if any, did the Minister take to Cabinet between 11 February 2019 and 17 February 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 6999 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	21 Feb	26-Feb (sent)	What papers, if any, did the Minister take to Cabinet Committee between 11 February 2019 and 17 February 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 6997 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	21 Feb	26-Feb (sent)	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 11 February 2019 and 17 February 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?

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 (25/1, 01/2, 08/2, 15/2, 22/2)	From 11 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 1 March 2019 (TBC)	Preparing documents

Documents Released This Week		
Tracking Number	Request	Published