

# Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

20 May – 24 May 2019

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**To: Hon Shane Jones**

Minister for Regional Economic Development

**Fletcher Tabureau**

Under-Secretary to the Minister for Regional Economic  
Development



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# 1. Dashboard updates

## 1.1 Status of applications as at 22 May

<b>New projects this week</b>	15
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<b>Total number of projects</b>	<b>Expressions of interest (EOI)</b>	<b>Applications</b>
1,031	374	655

<b>Total funding approved to date</b>	<b>Total funding announced</b>
272 projects for \$752.217m	194 projects for \$782.3m

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

## 1.2 Progress of applications and EOI as at 22 May

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Count</b>
EOI / Application received	159
Evaluation	115
Inactive	193
Unsuccessful	306
Approved (pre-contract)	14
Contracting	79
Executed	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,031</b>

\* Please note that the graphic has changed to reflect the number of inactive projects (projects either on hold or withdrawn) that were previously captured in the evaluation stage. Note unsupported EOI are now categorised as unsuccessful, resulting in increased numbers. Approved projects also include out of process projects managed by other PGF agencies.

## 2. Upcoming announcements

Date	Location of announcement	Details of announcement
24 May	Carterton	<p>Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Regional Economic Development Fletcher Tabuteau issued a press release announcing an \$800,000 grant for Wairarapa Water Ltd on 24 May 2019. Minister Mark made the announcement in Carterton on behalf of Parliamentary Under-Secretary Tabuteau.</p> <p>The grant contributes to the cost of a feasibility study to develop community water storage and distribution infrastructure for public and private use in the Wairarapa. The water storage facility would be located at Wakamoeku.</p>
10 June	Hawke's Bay	<p>A package of funding announcements will be made in the Hawke's Bay in the week starting 10 June which will bring social and economic prosperity to the region.</p> <p>Funding announcements will be made in the areas of regional capability building, infrastructure – roads, digital connectivity and water, skill and employment, One Billion Trees, as well as funding from Whenua Māori and Te Ara Māori programmes.</p> <p>The announcements will be made by Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Regional Economic Development Fletcher Tabuteau.</p>
TBC		<p>A \$948,000 He Poutama Rangatahi grant has been approved for Nga Pumanawa Tupuna. The grant is for a Youth Education, Training and Employment (YETE) partnership with the Wairarapa Rural Education Action Programme (REAP) and the Masterton District Council. Nga Pumanawa Tupuna is a joint work readiness initiative that will target 120 at-risk rangatahi Māori. Announcement details have not yet been confirmed.</p>

### 3. Regional Updates

#### 3.1 Canterbury

##### PipeDrive update

As of 22 May 2019, 43 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 6 await assessment
- 4 are being assessed
- 1 awaits further information
- 4 are on hold
- 12 have been approved
- 16 have been unsuccessful - declined, withdrawn or are unsupported.

##### Regional Activity

On 23 May 2019, Provincial Development Unit (PDU) officials met with the Kaikoura District Council in Canterbury to discuss their \$200,000 project which aims to enhance the town's amenities.

Commercial Information - application under active consideration

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### 3.2 Kāpiti- Wairarapa

#### PipeDrive update

As of 22 May 2019, 40 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 4 await assessment
- 7 are being assessed
- 5 are on hold
- 5 have been approved
- 19 have been unsuccessful - declined, withdrawn or are unsupported.

#### Regional Activity

##### Kāpiti

On 30 April 2019, PDU officials met with the Kāpiti Regional Advisory Group, chaired by Kāpiti Coast District Council Mayor K Gurnathan and discussed a range of PGF applications from the region.

On 30 April 2019, PDU officials visited the Māoriland Hub in Otaki to follow-up on the completion of the architect's work (\$215,000 funded by the PGF) and their plans to submit an application to help develop the Hub as a centre for performing arts, film industry and creative industry events. The Hub would also serve as a meeting and event space for rangitahi, whanau and the wider community.

PDU officials are currently negotiating the terms of the contract with Omeo Technology for an approved \$3 million loan for the assembly of an innovative wheelchair which utilises Segway technology.

##### Wairarapa

On 17 May 2019, the Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy and Governance Group met, chaired by Lance Walker, CEO of Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA). PDU officials provided an update to the group on the status of current PGF applications.

Commercial Information - application declined

The Programme Manager for Wairarapa's economic development strategy, funded through the PGF, is an effective channel for PDU officials working with the three district councils in the Wairarapa and developing PGF applications.

Commercial Information

### 3.3 Taranaki

#### PipeDrive update

As of 22 May 2019, 45 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 4 await assessment
- 8 are being assessed
- 3 await further information
- 3 are on hold
- 21 have been approved
- 6 have been unsuccessful - declined, withdrawn or are unsupported.

#### Regional Activity

On 8 and 9 May 2019, the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, and Minister of Finance, Hon Grant Robertson, attended the Just Transitions Summit held in New Plymouth. Around 500 delegates attended the summit from various organisations throughout the country and speakers from around the world delivered addresses. There was a strong emphasis on engaging with new energy technology and adopting low-carbon production processes for goods and services. The PGF was considered to be a key enabler to unlock new opportunities in the renewable energy sector and particularly to assist the region to adjust to a new economy while building on its existing energy and agricultural strengths.

Work has continued with various applicant groups on proposals to launch new energy technology or the infrastructure required to support it. These have potential to support Taranaki's regional economy through new employment opportunities for existing energy sector workers by offering low emission energy alternatives.

Commercial Information

State Highway 43 (SH43), the 'Forgotten Highway', links the Central Plateau and Taranaki. A portion of SH43 has never been sealed and this presents a significant barrier to attracting tourists, tourism opportunities and other economic offerings at each end of the road. Early in 2018, \$400,000 of PGF funding was announced to support a business case to estimate the cost of sealing of the road. The final version of the business case is expected from New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) in late May/early June.

Commercial Information

The Council and a PDU official met with Ngāti Maru to test their perception of the proposal and whether there are economic aspirations they can pursue through the work. The meeting was positive and there is a plan to meet again.

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PDU officials will meet with the Department of Conservation (DOC) and an Iwi trust to discuss options to advance the aspirations of conservation trusts in the region. A meeting has been arranged with the Director-General of Conservation to discuss sustainable funding options for a potential training model.

In 2018, Venture Taranaki received funding from the PGF to support regional food opportunities. The PGF invested \$40,000 in four applicants to advance their product or business. Lesser amounts were given to a further three companies. The outcome of the investment is expected to be reported on by the companies in June, and presents a good opportunity to showcase the benefits of the investment made.

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## Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event
<b>Monday, 27 May 2019</b>
RED Ministers meeting
<b>Tuesday, 28 May 2019</b>
<b>Wednesday, 29 May 2019</b>
Minister Jones at NZ Minerals Forum and Leaders Debate
<b>Thursday, 30 May 2019</b>
<b>Friday, 31 May 2019</b>
Minister Jones visit to Otago

### June

- 5 Techleaders lunch
- 10 Hawke's Bay announcement
- 12 Minister Jones speaking at China Capable Public Sector Programme
- 13 Ministers Parker and Jones meeting with Sir Stephen Tindall, Lanzatech
- 17 Minister Jones meeting with Horowhenua District Council
- 19 IAP Meeting  
Central Government and Local Government Forum
- 27 RED Ministers meeting

### July

- 17 IAP Meeting
- 25 SRO Meeting

## Appendix 2 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
3590 18-19	Lunch function at Employers and Manufacturers Association on 21 May 2019	Min Jones	AJ Millward	20 May
3637 18-19	Taranaki Crossing project further update	Min Jones	Ben Dalton	21 May
3650 18-19	Minister Jones' Provincial Growth Fund announcement at Kerikeri, 22 May 2019	Min Jones	Ben Dalton	21 May
Commercial Information		Min Jones	Mark Jacobs	21 May
3621 18-19	Joint briefing w/ MFE: Potential waste projects for PGF investment	Min Jones + Sage	David van der Zouwe	22 May
3579 18-19	New Zealand Minerals Forum 29 May 2019, Dunedin	Min Jones	Isabel Poulson	23 May
3676 18-19	Wairarapa Community Water Storage Announcement Friday 24 May	USEC, Min Mark	Kate Styles	23 May
3534 18-19	Te Ara Mahi / He Poutama Rangatahi / PGF Proposals for Review	RED Mins	David van der Zouwe	24 May
3464 18-19	Further Information for revisiting the upgrade of the Oparara Arches and Access Road Funding Decision	RED Mins	David van der Zouwe	24 May
3694 18-19	Minister Jones' Meeting with Wairoa Mayor 27 May 2019	Min Jones	Kate Styles	24 May

## Appendix 3 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
3581 18-19	Event Briefing: TechLeader Executive & CEO Forum Lunch 5 June 2019	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	31 May
TBC	Event Briefing: China Capable Public Sector Programme on 12 June	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	4 June
TBC	Event Briefing: Ministers' Parker and Jones meeting with Sir Stephen Tindall of Lanzatech	Ministers Parker and Jones	Isabel Poulson	6 June
TBC	Event Briefing: Minister Jones' meeting with Horowhenua District Council	Minister Jones	Kate Styles	10 June
TBC	Aide Memoire: 2019 Central Government and Local Government Forum on Wednesday, 19 June 2019	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	12 June
TBC	Event Briefing: Sky Waka Gondola Opening	Minister Jones	Kate Styles	13 August

## Appendix 4 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIA						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA282	Privacy of natural persons	13 May	28 May	5 Jun	Sign out	I would like to request a copy of each of the following documents under the Official Information Act: • Local Digital Connectivity: Regional Digital Hubs and Marae Connectivity' • 'Te Ara Mahi Proposals for review' on February 20 • 'PGF proposals for review' on February 20
OIA279	Privacy of natural persons	13 May	29 May	6 Jun	Consultation	All information (including communications, briefings and advice, minutes, officials notes) relating to The Provincial Growth Fund's (PGF) \$19.5m investment to develop innovative approaches to expand predator control in regional New Zealand: <a href="https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/funding-support-innovative-predator-control-regions">https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/funding-support-innovative-predator-control-regions</a>
OIA280	Privacy of natural persons	13 May	31 May	10 Jun	Drafting	A list of the briefings and reports the Minister has received from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment between April 1, 2019 and April 30, 2019.

## Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1260	Privacy of natural persons	25 Feb	5 Apr	12 Apr	Minister's Office	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.)
1819-1545		24 Apr	16 May	23 May	Minister's Office	A copy of all advice and communication provided to Ministers regarding the feasibility of the \$950,000 Hiringa Energy hydrogen project being funded through the Provincial Growth Fund. A copy of advice or communication from other government agencies/departments or Treasury held by MBIE regarding the feasibility and risks of the Hiringa Energy hydrogen project in Taranaki.
1819-1543		24 Apr	16 May	23 May	Minister's Office	The total cost so far of administering the Provincial Growth Fund. Please give a detailed breakdown of what these costs include. -The number of staff allocated to administering the PGF. -Projected cost in the future of administering the PGF. -Please outline which budget these costs are being met from.

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1447	Privacy of natural persons	2 Apr	31 May	7 Jun	Consultation	<p>With respect, I request the following information under the terms of the Official Information Act 1982, in relation to the paperwork error in relation to the Provincial Growth Fund. Controller, Auditor-General John Ryan reported the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) spent public money outside the authority provided by Parliament. It was granted approval to increase the amount of departmental expenditure to administer the Provincial Growth Fund and incurred expenses accordingly. However, a paperwork error meant that authority to spend could not be granted until the paperwork was corrected. The correction was made, and the creation of a new appropriation category approved, in October 2018. But by that time, some money had already been spent on the basis of the August approval but before the proper authority was in place in October. How much money was spent before the error was discovered - and how much in total? What was the money spent on? What was the nature of paperwork mentioned? Please provide detail around what happened. Who made the error? When was it discovered? Has/ will the money be recovered? I'm also requesting all documents, prepared, sent and received by MBIE, in relation to this error and the spending of public money outside the authority provided by Parliament</p>

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1630	Privacy of natural persons	13 May	4 Jun	11 Jun	Review	This is a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 relating to funding recipients through the Provincial Growth Fund. 1. We request the following information: 1.1 The name of every organisation that has received funding of any kind through the Provincial Growth Fund. 1.2 The name and contact details of the primary contact person/s for each of the above organisations' respective applications. If there is likely to be a delay in the assembly or provision of some of the information requested, please provide the balance as it becomes available.
1819-1644	Privacy of natural persons	13 May	4 Jun	11 Jun	Scoping	A copy of the funding agreement/ Contract between Foodsouth, New Zealand Food Innovation Network and MPI with regards to the Sheep and Goat milk industry program in New Zealand - Copies of any briefings from officials to their Minister that cover the New Zealand Innovation Networks involvement in the Sheep and Goat milk industry program in New Zealand - A copy of any reports from Foodsouth on the Sheep and Goat milk industry program in New Zealand

## Appendix 5 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2257	Privacy of natural persons	9 May	30 May	\$100m on loans and grants to Māori landowners
SJ2368	Privacy of natural persons	13 May	4 June	Pollution - Tyres/Plastic - Emissions
SJ2378	Privacy of natural persons	17 May	11 June	Rohe Produce Ltd, 8.9 ha Glasshouse Development, Northland, Marsden Point. 53.5 million dollar project.
SJ2380	Privacy of natural persons	21 May	17 June	Building a High wage Economy

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## Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Tracking Number	Name	Due for release	Status
N/A	Senior Regional Official meeting papers	From 20 May 2019	Preparing documents
N/A	Independent Advisory Panel meeting papers	From 20 May 2019	Preparing documents
Multiple	Weekly Reports	From 30 May 2019	Preparing documents
N/A	Cabinet paper - DEV Report back	From 20 May 2019	Ministerial Consultation
N/A	Cabinet Paper: PGF West Coast Tourism Investment Package	From 20 May 2019	Sign-out
N/A	Regional Economic Development meeting papers	From 30 May 2019	Ministerial Consultation
N/A	Waitangi announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whenua Māori Cabinet paper</li> <li>• Event briefing</li> <li>• Advice on Kaipara announcements</li> <li>• PGF Investment in skills and infrastructure</li> </ul>	From 24 May 2019	Ministerial Consultation

Documents Released This Week	
Tracking Number	Request
N/A	PGF Position Paper: Tier 2 Sector Investments