

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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Minister for Regional Economic Development

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Development



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Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 29 May

New projects this week	8
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* Note this does not include major sector allocations such as, Whenua Māori, 1BT, Transport.

Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
1,039	378	661

1.2 PGF investment to date

Committed	Approved	Announced	Unannounced
\$1,788.74M # 341 projects	\$1,302.22M # 341 projects	\$1,019.01M # 252 projects	\$275.1M # 68 projects

1.3 Job numbers

Number of jobs created as at 29 May	562
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1.4 Progress of applications and EOI as at 29 May

Stage	Count
EOI / Application received	143
Evaluation	119
Inactive	202
Unsuccessful	316
Approved (pre-contract)	14
Contracting	76
Executed	169
Total	1,039

* Please note that the graphic has changed to reflect the number of inactive projects (projects either on hold or withdrawn) that were previously captured in the evaluation stage.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

Minister and USEC

Date	Location of announcement	Projects being announced	Additional information
10 June 2019	Hawke's Bay	Suite of packages in Hawke's Bay focused on infrastructure and skills	TBC
7 June 2019	Ashburton	Ashburton Bridge	TBC

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3. Regional Updates

3.1 Hawke's Bay

Update on key statistics

As of 29 May 2019, 114 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 16 await assessment
- 16 are being assessed
- 2 await further information
- 20 are on hold
- 24 have been approved
- 36 have been unsuccessful - declined, withdrawn or are unsupported.

Regional Activity

Planning is well underway for the Hawke's Bay package announcement on 10 June 2019. With the announcement imminent, a number of applications have progressed through the relevant approval channels including a transport package and water storage projects, together with recent funding approvals for Ngāti Pahauwera (Whenua Māori) and Commercial Information. The package announcement will have a strong infrastructure focus. The announcement of a subsequent group of commercial orientated projects is planned for July/August 2019.

PDU officials continue to progress execution of contracts with The Limery, QRS, Hastings District Council Eastside Master Plan and Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Water Security Programme.

The Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) held an Extension Day in Hawke's Bay on 15 May 2019. PDU officials arranged for presentations by six applicants.

PDU officials continue to meet with applicants in order to discuss and progress their applications. PDU officials are supporting Wairoa District Council and Central Hawke's Bay District Council with regards to applications for the establishment of Regional Digital Hubs.

PDU officials met with the CEO of Hastings District Council, and representatives from Eastern Institute of Technology, regarding the establishment of a Hawke's Bay Employment Hub. Discussion centred around the need for a residential based training programme.

PDU officials met with local Māori representatives to provide an update on the PGF, and seek opportunities to strengthen engagement with Māori groups. This was followed a Matariki Executive Steering Group meeting. PDU officials will attend a Te Kei o Takitimu (Hawke's Bay post settlement collective) meeting on 31 May 2019 to build on this engagement.

Upcoming Announcements

A package announcement is scheduled for 10 June 2019.

Re-opening of the Napier - Wairoa rail link is scheduled for 14 June 2019.

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3.2 Tairāwhiti

PipeDrive update

As of 29 May 2019, 59 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 5 await assessment
- 7 are being assessed
- 3 await further information
- 7 are on hold
- 22 have been approved
- 15 have been unsuccessful - declined, withdrawn or are unsupported

Regional Activity

Tairāwhiti roading package: Gisborne District Council and the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) have executed the funding agreement for the roading package. This project is part of a package that funds \$137 million of roading resilience for the region, and will provide jobs to locals. A project steering group, comprising the Tairāwhiti Senior Regional Official (SRO), New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and Gisborne District Council will meet to coordinate construction and mitigate risk.

Wood and Energy Forum: Chief executives from central and local government, the economic development agency, and from Iwi, met on Tuesday in Gisborne to develop a long-term strategy aimed at establishing a wood processing hub in the Tairāwhiti. One issue identified is infrastructure challenges.

Activating Labour market opportunities: PDU officials are actively promoting a collaborative approach to building a skilled regional labour force. Local industry chairs, Iwi Chief Executives, and Government departments have collaborated with the Gisborne District Council and Activate Tairāwhiti to establish the Commitment, Action, Reciprocity and Employment (CARE) forum. CARE has identified, and is working with, 41 employers to create a substantial number of jobs in Tairāwhiti.

Rail feasibility study: The parties have signed the Tairāwhiti Rail feasibility study funding agreement. This enables BERL to commence work and for the project steering group hold its inaugural meeting in Gisborne on 12 June 2019. The study will consider pursuing further whether or not rail is a feasible option for the region to consider.

Upcoming Announcements

There are no upcoming announcements in the Tairāwhiti region.

Contact: Nicki Sutherland, Manager Regional Development (North), Privacy of

3.3 Te Tau Ihu

PipeDrive update

As of 29 May 2019, 36 applications and EOI have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

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

Regional Activity

Provincial Development Unit (PDU) officials are currently working with three food and beverage applications, as well as several Whenua Māori applicants.

PDU officials attended two Te Taihu Regional Strategy Steering Group meetings on 30 April and 24 May 2019, and a Project Management Group meeting on 15 May 2019. This project is on track and community hui will be held across the region in the next few weeks. A Te Taihu Regional Strategy strategic workshop and update on the Te Taihu Data Dashboard Wellbeing Framework is being held on 29 May 2019 which PDU officials will be attending.

PDU officials also attended the Port Taranaki Steering Group on 13 May 2019. Community meetings are being held in Golden Bay and input from commercial and recreational port users on infrastructure needs is being gathered to inform the business plan which will be completed by the end of June 2019.

The Te Taihu cross-agency team met on 17 May 2019 to discuss PGF priorities for the region.

PDU and Immigration New Zealand Settlement Unit officials met with Nelson City Council on 7 May 2019 to further progress their interest in becoming a Welcoming Community.

PDU officials attended the pōwhiri on 20 May for Craig Churchill as the new Ministry of Social Development Regional Commissioner.

Upcoming Announcements

The Marlborough and Kaikoura Trail Trust and the PDU are seeking guidance on announcement of the PGF funded Whale Trail study.

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4. Policy update

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PDU are working through finalising the operational aspects of the company. This includes developing the company's constitution and the management agreement between PDU and the company board.

A briefing will be forwarded to you and the Minister of Finance in the next few weeks outlining the process for appointing directors to the company's board. This briefing will be seeking Ministerial approval to formally commence the appointment process.

Contact:

Isabel Poulson, Manager Strategy and Policy, Privacy of

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Appendix 1 – 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
3625 18-19	Commercial Information [REDACTED]	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
3581 18-19	Event Briefing: TechLeader Executive & CEO Forum Lunch 5 June 2019	Min Jones	Isabel Poulson	31 May
3749 18-19	Briefing: Northland Water Storage funding arrangements	Min Jones, Min Robertson, Min Parker, USEC	Isabel Poulson	30 May

Appendix 2 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
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 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIA						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA279	Privacy of Natural P	13 May	29 May	06 Jun	Sign out	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: https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/funding-support-innovative-predator-control-regions
OIA280	Privacy of	13 May	31 May	19 Jun	Sign out	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.

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Ministerial OIA

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA 289	Privacy of	24 May	13 Jun	24 Jun	Consultation	<p>How are you? I am looking for information about the Provincial Growth Fund grant to Northland Regional Council for \$18.5 million for Northland Water Storage & Use in Kaipara and the Mid-North. There does not appear to be much that is publicly available but we are interested in the application made by NRC, and any agendas, briefings, minutes including of decisions and actions, and relevant Cabinet material and other documents relating to this grant. The reason for the request is that I have a client wanting to build water storage to increase economic development and jobs in the regions in NZ also. It is quite urgent so I am hoping you may have some information that could be released quite quickly? We can wait for anything that needs further vetting but would be useful to get something as soon as possible. Look forward to hearing from you.</p>

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Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1260	Privacy of [REDACTED]	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	Privacy of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] N t l	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	Privacy of [REDACTED]	24 Apr	16 May	23 May	Minister's Office	<p>The total cost so far of administering the Provincial Growth Fund. Please give a detailed breakdown of what these costs include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1447	Privacy of [REDACTED]	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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Departmental OIAs

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.
1819-1614	Priv acy f	9 May	31 May	7 Jun	Sign out	Hi, I would like to request all applications, decision documents, and communications regarding the application by the Future Franz Governance Group to the Provincial Growth Fund. Thank you, -- Privacy of Natural Persons

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1644	Privacy of [redacted] N t l	13 May	4 Jun	11 Jun	Consultation	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
1819-1687	Privacy of [redacted]	21 May	11 June	18 June	Consultation	<p>In order for the Privacy of Natural Persons [redacted] to continue with further funding applications we make elsewhere, we need clarity around the Decision Meeting of May 2nd. To this end I respectfully request a copy of the Minutes from that meeting, which hopefully provide some insight into the outcome.</p> <p>Our Board of Trustees and other Stakeholders need to clearly understanding how we failed to meet the above PGF criteria and furthermore, to know why on the advice of a Fund Advisor we spent considerable time and effort rewriting our application to more specifically fit requirements, only to be told month's later a feasibility study and health related service do not in fact 'fit the brief for the PGF.'</p>

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1691	Privacy of [REDACTED]	22 May	13 June	20 June	Consultation	All information relating to the feasibility study undertaken by the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment for KiwiRail on freighting logs by rail from Te Wera and Stratford to New Plymouth, and Port Taranaki.

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Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2368	Privacy of [REDACTED]	13 May	4 June	Pollution - Tyres/Plastic - Emissions
SJ2380	Privacy of [REDACTED]	21 May	17 June	Building a High wage Economy
SJ2378	Privacy of Natural [REDACTED]	17 May	11 June	Rohe Produce Ltd, 8.9 ha Glasshouse Development, Northland, Marsden Point . 53.5 million dollar project.
SJ2176	Privacy of [REDACTED]	29 May	19 June	Disappointment due to not having received acknowledgement of receipt re PGF application
SJ2388	Privacy of [REDACTED]	29 May	19 June	Honey business and Ministers thoughts on regional development
SJ2394	Privacy of [REDACTED]	29 May	20 June	PGF funding/grants/loan to help keep Vickers Aircraft Company in NZ
SJ2394	Privacy of Natural [REDACTED]	29 May	19 June	Oparara Valley Project Trust PGF funding
SJ2389	Privacy of [REDACTED]	29 May	19 June	Poutama letter to Hon. Nanaia Mahuta

Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 19281 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	27 May 2019	03 Jun 2019	What reports, briefings, memos, aides memoire, notes and advice, if any, did the Minister receive between 20 May 2019 and 26 May 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?

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