

# Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

10 June – 14 June 2019

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Minister for Regional Economic Development

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Under-Secretary to the Minister for Regional Economic  
Development



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# 1. Dashboard updates

## 1.1 Status of applications as at 12 June 2019

New projects this week	15
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## 1.2 PGF investment to date as at 12 June 2019 (monthly)

Committed	Approved	Announced	Unannounced
\$2,280.17M 325 projects	\$1,294.72M 325 projects	\$1,917.25M 256 projects	Confidential advice to Government

## 1.3 Job numbers (quarterly)

Number of jobs created as at 29 May 2019	831
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## 1.4 Progress of applications and EOI as at 12 June 2019

Stage	Count
EOI / Application received	149
Evaluation	116
Inactive	213
Unsuccessful	319
Approved (pre-contract)	19
Contracting	67
Executed	179
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,062</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\* Please note that the graphic has changed to reflect the number of inactive projects (projects either on hold or withdrawn) that were previously captured in the evaluation stage.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.

Application numbers and project numbers may differ, as an application may result in multiple projects.

## 2. Schedule of recent and upcoming decisions

### 2.1 Update on decisions made in IAP meeting

Project title	Region	Decision
Riverland "We Grow People" project	Tairāwhiti	Conditional support
Commercial Information - application withdrawn		
Invercargill – Our City for Tomorrow	Southland	Conditional support
Commercial Information	Not specified	Declined
Commercial Information		Declined
Commercial Information		Declined

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### 3. Delivery of projects update

#### 3.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
<b>South Waikato</b>	<p>There is strong interest in the South Waikato from the commercial sector. Commercial Information [redacted]</p> <p>[redacted], an existing and established housing manufacturer is looking to establish its second plant in Putaruru/Tokoroa and a Commercial Information [redacted]</p> <p>[redacted] PDU</p> <p>Officials met with Te Waka to discuss a re-shape of the South Waikato package to ensure better alignment with PGF objectives.</p>
<b>Taupo/Turangi</b>	<p>Taupo/Turangi - we have seen an increase in interest in the PGF since the USEC's visit to the region and we are currently assessing a number of applications for Taupo and Turangi. Commercial Information [redacted]</p> <p>[redacted] Commercial Information [redacted]</p>
<b>Hauraki/Coromandel</b>	<p>Hauraki/Coromandel - the business case for Sugarloaf has been completed. Commercial Information [redacted]. PDU</p> <p>Officials have met with the parties involved to provide advice and feedback. Commercial Information [redacted]</p> <p>[redacted]</p>
<b>Hihiaua Cultural Centre</b>	<p>The centre has an official opening in Whangarei 22 June. The Minister has been invited to this event.</p>
<b>Ngati Rehia Kauri sanctuary</b>	<p>Assessment of a forestry grant for up to 34ha of indigenous planting is almost complete. Te Uru Rākau is waiting on the Certificate of Title to be confirmed.</p> <p>Good progress on Kauri sanctuary. Te Uru Rākau have a contractor on the ground working with iwi to help cost a proposal.</p> <p>The application has been endorsed for approval and should be approved this week.</p> <p>A scoping and costing paper will be produced by end of June for Ngāti Rehia governance to consider. The first draft has been completed, Commercial Information [redacted]</p> <p>[redacted]</p>

## 4. Policy update

### 4.1 HoldCo

HoldCo	
You and the Minister of Finance are about to receive a briefing for your consideration on the search and appointment process for directors to the company's board.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Isabel Poulson, Manager Strategy and Policy, Privacy of N t

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## Appendix 1 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
3795 18-19	Event Briefing: Minister Jones' meeting with Horowhenua District Council	Minister Jones	Kate Styles	7 June
3805 18-19	Minister Jones' Visit to Kerikeri and Kawakawa 21 June 19	Minister Jones	Ben Dalton	13 June
[REDACTED]	Commercial Information [REDACTED]	Minister Jones	David van der Zouwe	13 June
3791 18-19	2019 Central Government and Local Government Forum	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	12 June

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Limery Loan Approval	RED Ministers	David van der Zouwe	13 June
TBC	Northland Soft Berry Loan Approval	RED Ministers	David van der Zouwe	13 June
TBC	Opuke Loan Approval	RED Ministers	David van der Zouwe	13 June
3900 18-19	Enabling continued delivery of the Provincial Growth Fund	RED Ministers	David van der Zouwe	17 June
3893 18-19	Investment Proposals for Review RED Mins 26 June	RED Ministers	David van der Zouwe	20 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
TR121	Privacy of Natural	4 June	17 June	24 June	Consultation	<p>I refer to your announcement that “the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) is investing \$800,000 to investigate the development and construction of community water storage to unlock environmentally sustainable economic growth opportunities in the Wairarapa”. Please send me the report you received from officials on which you based your decision to invest public money in this feasibility project, including economic analysis and land use assumptions. Please outline the criteria you used to assess this request for funding Please also provide analysis undertaken by officials of the environmental sustainability of this proposed project, including assessment of the impact on rivers and streams in the region and on groundwater. For example, what impact would the project have on river flow, pathogen levels and other indicators of freshwater quality in the Ruamahanga River? Finally, what assurance will you obtain that the impact of any such project is, indeed, “environmentally sustainable” as you claim?</p>

## Ministerial OIA

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1447	Privacy of natural	2 Apr	31 May	7 Jun	Minister's Office Sign out	<p>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.
1819-1644	Privacy of natural	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

## Ministerial OIA

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1687	Privacy of natural persons	21 May	11 June	18 June	Review	<p>In order for the [redacted] Commercial Information [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 understand 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>
1819-1691	Privacy of natural	22 May	13 June	20 June	Consultation	<p>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.</p>

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1720	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	19 June	26 June	Review	<p>The grant to the Te Kaha Landowners Group announced by Minister Shane Jones on 17 May states: "The skills, training and employment programme is made up of core projects, including the development of a trial kiwifruit nursery and science lab and an innovative living wage horticulture pilot project." 1. Can you please tell us the specific amount of funds allocated for this nursery development in particular and where this money is from? Is the nursery development funded fully from the PGF or Te Ara Mahi and Whenua Maori allocations? If so which fund is contributing what amount exactly? 2. What does the innovative living wage horticulture pilot project entail? Which fund is the money for this pilot this being drawn from? We would like to see the detail of this pilot please. 3. What market assessment was carried out to find out the impact subsidising a private enterprise nursery could have on the value of kiwifruit plants on the open market?</p>
1819-1779	Privacy of natural	10 June	1 July	8 July	Scoping	<p>There is an extensive list of approved projects on the PGF website. Could you please tell me which of those involved grants or low interest loans on private land – and whether in each case the land is Maori owned? Treat this as a request under the Official Information Act if need be.</p>

## Ministerial OIA

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1790	Privacy of natural persons	30 May	21 June	28 June	Consultation	I have now re-read the Cabinet papers publicly released about the Provincial Growth Fund. I can find no reference to the exclusion of Porirua City or more generally, metropolitan Wellington. I would therefore request the Cabinet reference and associated minute. I would also like advice provided by officials that support this Government position - specifically the policy rationale. I do this under the Official Information Act. It may be that I simply haven't accessed the right Cabinet papers but I would appreciate a link to the appropriate records.

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## Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2380	Privacy of natural persons	21 May	17 June	Building a High wage Economy
SJ2176	Privacy of natural	29 May	19 June	Disappointment due to not having received acknowledgement of receipt re PGF application
SJ2388	Privacy of natural	29 May	19 June	Honey business and Ministers thoughts on regional development
SJ2394	Privacy of natural persons	29 May	19 June	Oparara Valley Project Trust PGF funding
SJ2412	Privacy of natural	29 May	20 June	PGF funding/grants/loan to help keep Vickers Aircraft Company in NZ
SJ2400	Privacy of	4 June	28 June	Toa Nutrition plan to expand & lack of progress with the PGF team
SJ2416	Privacy of natural persons	4 June	28 June	UNCTAD report & small scale organic farming to build work in the regions
SJ2280	Privacy of natural persons	4 June	25 June	Upcoming 175th anniversary of siege of Ruapekapeka Pa role in NZ Land Wars

## Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 20948 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	12 June	14 June	What reports, briefings, memos, aides memoire, notes and advice, if any, did the Minister receive between 27 May 2019 and 10 June 2019 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 21957 (2019)	Hon David Bennett	13 June	14 June	What is the percentage of approved Waikato applications, if any, in comparison to other applications received by other regions by the Provincial Growth Fund since October 2017?
PQ 21956 (2019)	Hon David Bennett	13 June	14 June	What is the total financial value of approved Waikato applications as a percentage, if any, in comparison to other approved applications received by other regions by the Provincial Growth Fund since October 2017?
PQ 21962 (2019)	Hon David Bennett	13 June	14 June	What is the total value of declined applications, if any, received by the Provincial growth fund from Waikato based applicants since October 2017?
PQ 21964 (2019)	Hon David Bennett	13 June	14 June	What were the specific details of every approved application, if any, received by the Provincial growth fund from Waikato based applicants since October 2017?
PQ 21959 (2019)	Hon David Bennett	13 June	14 June	What is the total value of approved applications, if any, received by the Provincial growth fund from Waikato based applicants since October 2017?



## Written Parliamentary Questions

Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 21965 (2019)	Hon David Bennett	13 June	14 June	What were the specific details of every declined applications, if any, received by the Provincial growth fund from Waikato based applicants since October 2017?
PQ 21965 (2019)	Hon David Bennett	13 June	14 June	What is the number of approved applications, if any, received by the Provincial growth fund from Waikato based applicants since October 2017?

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## Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Name / Document Type	Quantity	Due for release	Status
Applications	257	From 21 June	Preparing
Cabinet Papers	1	From 1 July	Preparing
Funding Agreements	257	From 21 June	Preparing
Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Papers	2 document set	From 1 July	Preparing
Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting Papers	3 document sets	From 1 July	Preparing
Senior Regional Officials Meeting Papers	1 document sets	From 1 July	Preparing
Regional Economic Development Weekly Reports	4	From 21 June	Preparing
2194 18-19 PGF Water Storage Investment Briefing RED Jan 2019	1	From 21 June	At Minister's Office
Provincial Growth Fund Position Paper - Airports	1	From 21 June	At Minister's Office
Unlocking Tairāwhiti's Economic Potential: Tairāwhiti Rōading Package (DEV-18-SUB-0171)	1	From 21 June	At Minister's Office

Documents Released This Week	
Tracking Number	Request

	Stewart Island Wind Investigation Research Paper
	Northland Water Storage and Use - Application
	Provincial Growth Fund Position Paper - Digital Connectivity
	Agenda – Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting - 5 November 2018
	Minutes – Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting - 5 November 2018
	PGF Proposals for Review – Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting - 5 November 2018
	Agenda - Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting - January 2019
	Minutes - Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting - January 2019
	Agenda - Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting – March 2019
	Minutes - Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting – March 2019
	Agenda - Independent Advisory Panel meeting – November 2018
	Minutes - Independent Advisory Panel meeting – November 2018
	Cover sheet, Clutha Gold Great Ride - Independent Advisory Panel meeting – November 2018
	Agenda - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - December 2018
	Minutes - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - December 2018
	Independent Advisory Panel meeting papers - January 2019
	Agenda - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - January 2019
	Minutes - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - January 2019

	Agenda - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - February 2019
	Minutes - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - February 2019
	Cover sheet: Wairarapa Community Water Storage (Wakamoekau) - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - February 2019
	Independent Advisory Panel meeting papers - March 2019
	Agenda - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - March 2019
	Minutes - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - March 2019
	Agenda - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - April 2019
	Minutes - Independent Advisory Panel meeting - April 2019
	Agenda - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Minutes - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: Nelson Artificial Intelligence Institute - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: Technical Study for the Whale Trail - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: Whanganui / Rangitikei land use optimisation - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: Kiwifruit Labour Coordinator - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: Opotiki Harbour Development Plan - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: Whakatane Waterfront and Town Centre Regeneration - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan Refresh - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018

	Cover Sheet: Eastern Bay of Plenty Regional Development Project Implementation - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: South Island Destination Management Plan - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: Developing Projects - ANT - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Cover Sheet: Waipoua River Road - Senior Regional Officials meeting - November 2018
	Agenda - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Minutes - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Mackenzie District Council Feasibility Study - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: SH1 Rosebank Industrial Estate Slip Lane - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Port Tarakohe Infrastructure Business Case - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Kaipara District Council - Kaipara Kickstart (Growing the Kai in Kaipara) - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Industry for the future - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Manawatu Whanganui Rural Innovation Lab Pilot - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Apollo Foods Aseptic Manufacturing - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Port Access Enhancements Project - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Business Case Research for Marsden Aged Care Facility - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Nga Ara Tipuna - Waipukurau Pa Site Interpretation - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018

	Cover Sheet: Exploring Hawkes' Bay's Economic Development Opportunities - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Programme Manager Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Far North Te Hiku Water Project - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Architectural Concept Plans and cost estimates to enable multiple initiatives to be delivered at the Maoriland Hub in Otaki - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Cover Sheet: Marlborough Sounds Smart Services - Senior Regional Officials meeting - December 2018
	Agenda - Senior Regional Officials meeting - January 2019
	Minutes - Senior Regional Officials meeting - January 2019
	Cover Sheet: Muriwhenua Incorporation Te Mingi Barge Site Feasibility – Senior Regional Officials meeting – January 2019
	Cover Sheet: New Zealand School of Applied Biodiversity - Senior Regional Officials meeting - January 2019
	Cover Sheet: The Initiate Programme - Senior Regional Officials meeting - January 2019
	Cover Sheet: Whangarei Youth Space Start - Senior Regional Officials meeting - January 2019
	Cover Sheet: Eco-Toa - Senior Regional Officials meeting - January 2019
	Cover Sheet: Pacific Employment Support Service - Senior Regional Officials meeting - January 2019
	Agenda - Senior Regional Officials meeting - February 2019
	Minutes - Senior Regional Officials meeting - February 2019
	Cover Sheet: Quality Roding and Services - Growing Employment - Senior Regional Officials meeting - February 2019

	Cover Sheet: Otago Construction Workforce Modelling - Senior Regional Officials meeting - February 2019
	Cover Sheet: Tautua Limited - Senior Regional Officials meeting - February 2019
	Cover Sheet: Ashburton Second Bridge - Senior Regional Officials meeting - February 2019
	Cover Sheet: New Zealand School of Applied Bio-diversity (NZSAB) - Senior Regional Officials meeting - February 2019
	Agenda - Senior Regional Officials meeting - March 2019
	Minutes - Senior Regional Officials meeting - March 2019
	Cover Sheet: School of Hard Knocks - Senior Regional Officials meeting - March 2019
	Cover Sheet: Kawerau Pathways to Work Cadetships - Senior Regional Officials meeting - March 2019
	Cover Sheet: Kawerau Pathways to Work - Work-Ready on-ramps) - Senior Regional Officials meeting - March 2019
	Cover Sheet: Wairarapa Community Water Storage (Wakamoekau) - Senior Regional Officials meeting - March 2019
2519 18-19	Local Digital Connectivity: Regional Digital Hubs and Marae Connectivity – 24 January 2019
2530 18-19	Local Digital Connectivity: Regional Digital Hubs and Marae Connectivity – 18 January 2019
1265 18-19	Additional Information on PGF proposals from previous RED meetings - PF2050 and Paihia Wharf
	Sheep and Goat Dairy Processing Business Case
DEV-18-SUB-0239	Provincial Growth Fund October 2018 DEV Report Back (Feb-Sep 2018)
DEV-18-SUB-0089	Provincial Growth Fund: March 2019 Report Back (Oct 2018-Feb 2019)