



Regional Economic Development Weekly Report

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Recipient	Action sought
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Fletcher Tabuteau Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development	Note the contents of this Weekly Report

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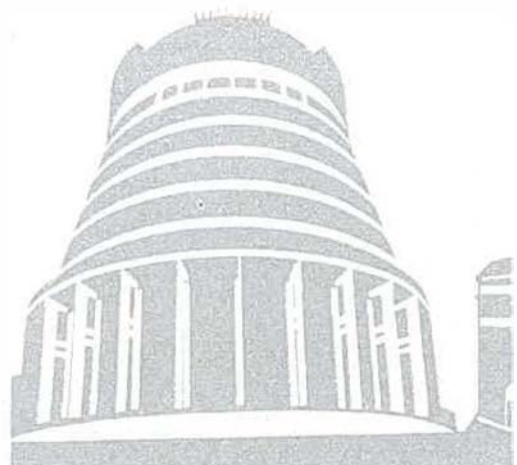
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Updates

Funding to target improved skills and employment for Wairoa youth

On Tuesday 22 November 2017, in Wairoa, you:

- announced that \$150,000 of seed funding will be made available for the Wairoa community to target improved skills and employment for Wairoa youth; and
- advised that the funding would go to the Wairoa Community Partnership Group (WCPG) and acknowledged that any projects would need to meet a funding eligibility criteria.

On 14 December 2017 MBIE, TPK and Ministry of Social Development officials met the WCPG to hear the regions priorities and preferences and explain the process for accessing funding.

WCPG members identified the need for capability to support this proposal, and requested more time to consider project options. Senior Regional Officials (SRO) have approved funding (\$15,000), from MBIE Departmental to recruit a person to support the WCPG to develop a proposal and access funding.

Government agencies who attended the meeting, plus the Ministry for Primary Industries and Ministry of Education, have agreed to a collective impact approach (led by MBIE) to support this initiative.

The next milestones are:

Regional assessment of options	30 January 2018	Central government assessment/feedback	15 February 2018
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Contact Person: Mark Feary

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Timeline and outline for PGF Cabinet Paper

MBIE will provide a report back on the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) to the Cabinet Business Committee on 14 February and to Cabinet on 19 February.

Below is a timeline for completion of the PGF paper to Cabinet.

Action	Due date	Responsible
Draft paper to Minister	31 January	Iain Southall
Minister to provide feedback	31-January/1 February	Minister's office
Officials amend paper	2 February	MBIE
Ministerial Consultation	5-7 February	Minister's office and MBIE
Paper lodged with Cab office	8 February	Minister's office
Cabinet Business Committee	14 February	
Cabinet meeting	19 February	

Contact Person:

John Doorbar, Privacy of natural persons

Update on recruiting for the Regions and Cities team

Over the past month we have advertised and have/are interviewed for three key roles: Principal Advisors, Senior Advisors, and Regional Economic Development Project Managers.

In summary:

Roles	Advertised	Interviews	Appointments	Start dates
Principal Advisors	Late November	Early December	Appointment made for one candidate.	Start 5 Feb
Senior Advisors	Late November	Early December	Positions offered to three candidates.	Start January 2018
Regional Economic Development Project Managers	Early December	Currently underway	Position offered to candidate. Five other vacancies to be filled	Start mid-February

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Media and Communications Schedule

Timing	Events and Announcements	Proposed activity
25 Jan 18	Ratana birthday commemoration	Opportunity to make announcements
6 Feb 18	Waitangi Day Commemorations	Opportunity to make announcements
18 Mar 18 - TBC	Taranaki Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material
19 Mar 18 – TBC	Opotiki Harbour Development project announcement	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material
18 June 18 - TBC	Waikato Regional Economic Development Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material

Upcoming Regional Visits

Timing	Region	Proposed activity
February	Northland – Waitangi	TBC
February	West Coast	TBC
February	Taranaki	TBC – Launch of the Regional Economic Action Plan

Upcoming Briefings

Due Ministers Office	Title	Sign Out Manager
23 Jan 18	1744 17-18 Generic Investment Tools and Institutional Arrangements for Investing in Regional Economic Development	Iain Southall

Ministerial Correspondence

Requestor's Name	Tracking number and Request	Due to Minister	Sign Out Manager
Privacy of natural persons	SJ332	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ171	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ161	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ300	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ263	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ202	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ295	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ224	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ211	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ378	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller
	SJ368	30 Jan 18	Stephanie Weller

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

Requestor's Name	Tracking number and Request	Due to Minister	Due to Requestor	Status	Sign Out Manager
Privacy of natural persons	SJ OIA16	17 Jan 18		Sent to Minister's Office	Stephanie Weller
	SJ-OIA17	19 Jan 18		Response being formed	Stephanie Weller
	SJ OIA13	19 Feb 18		Response being formed	Stephanie Weller

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