



## Regional Economic Development Weekly Report

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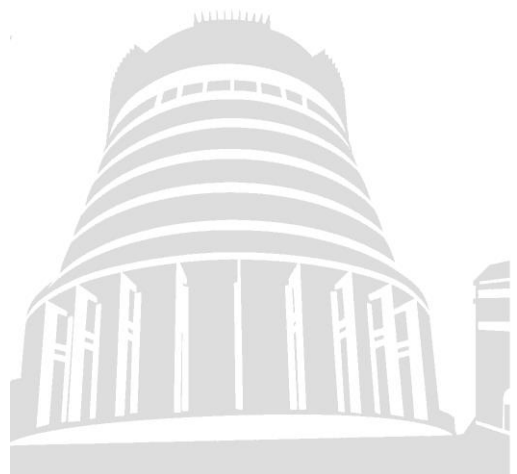
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**Minister for Regional Economic Development**

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Minister's comments:

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# Updates

## Regional GDP release next week

Statistics New Zealand will release regional annual nominal total GDP figures for the year ended March 2017 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018. It will cover 15 main regions. A breakdown of regional GDP by industry will also be available for each year up to March 2016. The series starts in the year ended March 2000. We will provide you with a summary of the key points from the release in the following Weekly Report.

Once the regional GDP figures are released, MBIE will use the data to update its own Modelled Territorial Authority GDP estimates (MTAGDP). The MTAGDP estimates are released about two to three weeks after the regional GDP release. They give estimates of GDP for 66 Territorial Authority regions. A substantial update to the MTAGDP methodology is also underway. We intend to release the updated methodology and revised estimates with the next MTAGDP release.

Contact Person:

Ben Wallace

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## PGF Proposals - Update

MBIE is managing the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) ([PGF@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:PGF@mbie.govt.nz)) inbox. Since the launch of the PGF we have received over 54 enquiries and 18 proposals. We are asking Ministry for Primary Industries, NZTA and NZTE to share their proposals through the PGF inbox.

MPI is confirming their requirements, and MBIE IT is finalising the security risk assessment and accreditation of the database. The database will track the enquiries and allocate proposals to the appropriate person and agency. All government agencies will be able to access and we can track progress of enquiries and proposals through this portal. This is expected to be operational within one week.

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Stephanie Weller

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## Regional Economic Development Unit relocating

Regional Economic Development Unit is progressing plans to locate to level 4, 160 Lambton Quay. The move of existing staff into this building is occurring over this coming weekend, with a welcoming on Monday morning, 26 March.

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Stephanie Weller

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# Media and Communications Schedule

Timing	Events and Announcements	Proposed activity
6 April 2018	Taranaki Economic Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material

## Upcoming Regional Visits

Timing	Region	Proposed activity
4 April	Bay of Plenty - Rotorua	Rotorua Chamber of Commerce – quest speaker
6 April	Taranaki	Launch of the Economic Action Plan
28 April	West Coast	Keynote Speaker at West Coast Economic Forum

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# Upcoming Briefings

<b>Due Ministers Office</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sign Out Manager</b>
6 April 2018	Meeting with BECA	Stephanie Weller

# Ministerial Correspondence

<b>Requestor's Name</b>	<b>Tracking number and Request</b>	<b>Due to Minister</b>	<b>Sign Out Manager</b>
Privacy of	SJ675	12 Mar 18	John Doorbar

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# Departmental Official Information Act Requests

Requestor's Name	Tracking number / Request	Due to Requestor	Status	Sign Out Manager
Privacy of	<p>DOIA 1718-1071 - All information regarding the Renew Energy waste management project in Buller Including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• all correspondence with, and any information provided to, any Minister regarding the project</li><li>• all correspondence with the Ministry for the Environment regarding the project</li></ul>	25 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar
Privacy of natural persons	<p>DOIA 1718-1092 - I am requesting under the Official Information Act any briefing, documentation or communications about the \$4.6 million for the Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage and Education Centre, as announced by Shane Jones and Kelvin Davis on February 23rd, sent or received by the Ministry. There has been a proactive release of two Cabinet papers on the Provincial Growth Fund but I am requesting all of the supporting documentation for the project, along with any other relevant documentation etc.</p>	30 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar

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# Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

Requestor's Name	Tracking number and Request	Due to Minister	Status	Sign Out Manager
Privacy of	<p>SJOIA34 I request a copy of all advice you have sent or received regarding the establishment of the Independent Advisory Panel for the Provincial Growth Fund. I would expect this to include all emails, briefings and aide memoires you or your officials have sent to or received from Ministers, government departments or any other organisation in relation to this matter. I am particularly interested in correspondence, including any advice you or your officials received from the SSC, in relation to fee structures for the panel appointees. I am also interested in how the membership of the Advisory Panel was put together, did you seek nominations, if so, from whom? I specifically request copies of all draft and final papers prepared for Cabinet and/or Cabinet committees as well as draft and final communication plans prepared for the announcement. Where information is withheld, I request you provide the title and date of the communication/document withheld, the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Official Information Act.</p>	23 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar
Privacy of	<p>SJOIA35 All information regarding the Renew Energy waste management project in Buller held by you or your office. Including, but not limited to, all internal and external correspondence, briefings, aides-memoir, documents taken to cabinet or cabinet committees, text messages, meeting notes, talking points</p>	26 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar
Privacy of	<p>SJOIA37 He Poutama Rangatahi: tackling entrenched NEET rates in four regions * Meetign with Michael Gleissner from Creswell NZ ltd, 13 November * Regional Economic Development weekly report week ending 17 November * Information regarding how Central Government's regional development programme will affect FOMA members * Initial advice on establishing the provincial growth fund * Regional Economic Development weekly report week ending 24 November * Regional growth programme evaluation report and Government's response * Regional Economic Development weekly report week ending 1 December * Regional Economic Development weekly report week ending 8 December * Strategic procurement benefitting Maori * Update on the development of the provincial growth fund * Treasury report: Establishing the provincial growth fund * Treasury report: Further fiscal decisions for the provincial growth fund</p>	28 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar