



Weekly Report to the Minister for Regional Economic Development

For the period from 26 March to 29 March 2018

Date:	29 March 2018	Priority:	Medium
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Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Shane Jones Minister for Regional Economic Development	Discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A
Fletcher Tabuteau Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Regional Economic Development	Note the contents of this Weekly Report	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
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Nigel Bickle
Head of Regional Economic Development
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

1. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO OFFICIALS MEETING

1.1 Outstanding items from previous officials meetings

Item	Action	Who	By when	Status update
Weekly Report	Pipeline project – Hunterwasser precinct	John Doorbar	28 March 2018	Completed
	Pipeline project – Com merci	Max Kennedy	28 March 2018	Completed
Holding Company	Information on the process for setting up a holding company	Michael Hampl	28 March 2018	Working with Treasury
Existing Funds and the PGF	How other government funds work with the PGF	Iain Cossar	11 April 2018	Briefing being prepared

2. PROVINCIAL GROWTH FUND UPDATES

2.1. PGF Proposals

Eliot Linforth-Hall

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The Provincial Growth Unit is managing the portal for receiving PGF queries, Expression of Interests (EOIs) and applications (email: pgf@mbie.govt.nz). As at 28 March 2018, 89 EOIs and applications have been lodged in the PGF pipeline, 31 more than the previous week. The Provincial Development Unit has processed 31 queries, EOIs and applications during the week 26-29 March 2018.

A new project management platform is being developed with an approved MBIE provider that will:

- increase efficiency in processing PGF applications
- track the status of all enquiries, EOIs and proposals to the PGF
- help cross-agency coordination via an open view platform.

Since the launch of the PGF we have received over 68 enquiries, and 45 expressions of interests or proposals.

2.2. Hundertwasser Arts Centre with Wairau Maori Art Gallery

Mark Patterson

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MBIE is working with MCH on preparing a briefing that will require an out of cycle decision by Regional Economic Ministers on the Hundertwasser Arts Centre. This is due to Ministers in early April. MBIE has requested that the Whangarei Arts Museum Trust (WAMT) seek an extension to a fixed price tender that was due to expire 31 March 2018 and the WAMT

has been granted an extension by the preferred tenderer to 20 April 2018. MBIE and MCH continue to work centralising government investment in the Centre.

2.3. Maori Battalion Museum

Mark Patterson

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The draft business case will be presented to MBIE and MCH officials on Wednesday 11 April 2018 in Paihia. Following this, the business case will provide a basis for an application to the PGF for capital costs and operational expenditure. MCH is working closely with the Waitangi National Trust Board on engagement with the four companies of the 28th Maori Battalion. A request for further PGF support is likely to be required to support the design costs, estimated at approximately \$Comm. This would mean that the PGF financial commitment required prior to the final business case completion would be approximately \$Commer.

2.4. Clutha Gold cycle trail extension

Abby Cheeseman

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MBIE has contacted the Clutha District Council and is working with them to develop a business case / application for funding from the Provincial Growth Fund to extend the Clutha Gold Cycle Trail by 63km from Lawrence to Waihola. Funding assistance to help write the business case will be made available from the NZ Cycleway Enhancement and Extension fund.

3. PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT UPDATES

3.1. Structure and leadership of the Unit

Nigel Bickie

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On Tuesday 27 March, recruitment commenced for a General Manager – Strategy and Government for the Unit. The General Manager will be responsible for the function that will develop and implement the business strategy for the Unit. Applications close on Thursday 5 April 2018.

3.2. Timeframes for attendance at the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee

Nigel Bickie

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The new Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee (chaired by National MP Jonathan Young) have invited MBIE to brief the committee on the Provincial Growth Fund on Thursday, 5 April 2018. Officials have requested a hearing at a later date, likely early May.

4. Regional Economic Development Regional Information

4.1 Attendance at the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee

Neasa Carroll

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The Waikato region is planning to hold a “Waikato Economic Summit” in August 2018. This will coincide with the opening of a new regional economic development agency in the region. The summit will bring together local government, business, iwi/Māori, local trusts and other stakeholders to discuss what activities will best support the region’s strategic economic priorities and what the regional priorities for Provincial Growth Fund investment should be. Once a date and venue has been confirmed, we understand the region will invite you to attend and launch the Summit.

5. UPCOMING PAPERS FROM PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT

5.1 Upcoming papers from the Ministry to the Minister for Regional Economic Development

Tracker Number	Title	Signed Out By	Date expected
TBC	Rotorua Chamber of Commerce business community speaker series	Stephanie Weller	29-Mar-18
TBC	Taranaki Action Plan Launch	Stephanie Weller	3-Apr-18
TBC	Meeting with Francis Pauwels, GM Bay of Plenty	Stephanie Weller	3-Apr-18
TBC	Meeting Briefing in Gisborne with the Wood Processors Association and Activate Tairāwhiti – Also speaking points around the PGF	Stephanie Weller	4-Apr-18
TBC	Initial briefing for meeting with Whirinaki (Tourism)	Stephanie Weller	5-Apr-18
TBC	Whanau Ora advice	TBC	5-Apr-18
TBC	Meeting with BECA	Stephanie Weller	6-Apr-18
TBC	He kai kei aku ringa	Hinemaui Rikirangi	9-Apr-18

Tracker Number	Title	Signed Out By	Date expected
TBC	ANZ Investor Tour conference	Stephanie Weller	10-Apr-18
TBC	Information on the existing funds and the PGF	Stephanie Weller	11-Apr-18
TBC	Presentation to Business NZ CEO Forum	Stephanie Weller	11-Apr-18
TBC	Meeting with ATEED	TBC	18-Apr-18
TBC	Full briefing for the Maori Business Leadership Awards and pre-event – (Te Kupenga)	TBC	18-Apr-18
TBC	Report on regional outcomes - Cabinet request (CAB 18 MIN 0045).	Nigel Bickle	Jun-18
TBC	Evaluation Plan for the PGF as requested by Cabinet	Nigel Bickle	Jun-18
TBC	Options for managing any equity shares the government takes in projects through the Fund (CAB 18 MIN 0045).	Nigel Bickle	Jun-18
TBC	Advice on a holding company for the PGF. Treasury has the lead on this piece of work and MBE will provide input as required	Treasury	TBC

6. UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

6.1. Upcoming events and meetings

Date	Details	Briefing
29 March	Ministers Twyford and Mahuta re Tairawhiti Action Plan/NZTA proposals	N/A
3 April	Marine Farming Association – President Jonathan Large, former Executive Director Graeme Coates and Brendon Burns	MPI are providing a briefing.
4 April	Bay of Plenty – Rotorua	MPI is providing a briefing.
4 April	Meeting with the Wood Processors Association and Activate Tairawhiti	No briefing requested.
5 April	Cocktail function for the Taranaki Economic Action Plan Under-Secretary Tabuteau is speaking at this event	Briefing material due 3 April

Date	Details	Briefing
6 April	Launch of the Taranaki Economic Action Plan Minister Jones is speaking at this event	Briefing material due on 3 April.
10 April	Independent Advisory Panel Meeting	For information only.
8-11 April	New Frontiers Event – Trentham Race Course, Wellington	Minister Jones has received an invitation for this event.
28 April	West Coast Economic Forum You are the Key note speaker Forum	No briefing requested.
May - TBC	Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee hearing	No briefing required at this stage.
Aug 18	Waikato Economic Summit	No briefing requested.

7. Provincial Growth Fund Communications Schedule

Date	Details	Briefing
6 April	Taranaki Action Plan launch	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material

MINISTERIAL SERVICING

7.1. Ministerial Correspondence

Requestor	Tracker	Topic	Date due to Ministers office	Date due for reply
Privacy of Natural	SJ689	Mayor Craig Little - Projects in Wairoa District for PGF consideration	9 April	9 April

7.2. Written parliamentary questions received for the week ending 23 March 2018

Member	Minister	Question	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due for reply
Paul Goldsmith	RED	361 Written Questions related to a range of proposals across the PGF	3 May	3 May
David Seymour	RED	What mechanisms will the Government, or the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, use to retrieve funding from organisations that receive low-interest loans under the Provincial Growth Fund?	3 April	4 April
David Seymour	RED	Will organisations that receive low-interest loans under the Provincial Growth Fund, but cannot repay those loans, face any consequences; If so, what will those consequences be?	3 April	4 April
David Seymour	RED	Have his officials developed policy in relation to organisations that receive low-interest loans under the Provincial Growth Fund but cannot repay those loans?	3 April	4 April

4.3 Departmental Official Information Act Requests

Tracking number	Requestor	Summary of request	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
DOIA 1718-1071	Privacy of	Information regarding the Renew Energy Waste Management Project	28 March	3 April
DOIA 1718 1092	Privacy of	Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage and Education Centre	30 March	3 April
DOIA1718-1179	Privacy of	Ministry funding to Te Arawa River Iwi Trust since 2009/10	6 April	13 April
TBC	Privacy of	Advice given to the government assessing the risk or benefits of the Provincial Growth Fund.	17 April	24 April

a. Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

Tracking number	Requestor	Summary of request	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
SJOIA35	Privacy of [REDACTED]	Information regarding the Renew Energy Waste Management Project	5 April	12 April
SJOIA37	Privacy of [REDACTED]	Requests information on four Regional Economic Development weekly reports, two Treasury reports as well as information regarding how Central Government's regional development programme will affect Federation of Maori Authorities members	28 March	8 April
SJOIA36	Privacy of [REDACTED]	Requesting information on a description of probity checks on provincial growth funds including waste-to-energy plant on the West Coast	5 April	
SJOIA51	Privacy of [REDACTED]	A copy of every Weekly Report received by you as Minister of Forestry/ Infrastructure/ Regional Economic Development/Associate Finance/Associate Transport since 1 February 2018.	11 April	TBC

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