

# Regional Economic Development

**Weekly Report**

**1-5 June 2020**

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## 1. Dashboard updates

### 1.1 Provincial Development Unit (PDU) weekly information as at 31 May 2020 (weekly)

<b>New proposals received in week ending 31 May 2020*</b>	19
<b>Total proposals received to 31 May 2020*</b>	1,748
<b>Payments made</b>	\$29,608,039

\*Includes applications and expressions of interest

### 1.2 Progress of proposals received by the PDU as at 31 May 2020 (weekly)

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Count*</b>
Awaiting assessment	126
Being assessed	179
Unsuccessful	924
Approved	519
<b>Total received</b>	<b>1,748*</b>

\* These include all proposals that have come through the Provincial Development Unit's application and decision-making process. Application numbers may differ from project numbers as multiple applications may result in a single project or vice versa.

### 1.3 Headline Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Numbers as at 30 April 2020 (monthly)

<b>Total number of contracts signed</b>	<b>Total PGF funding committed</b>	<b>Total funding contracted</b>	<b>Total funding paid to date</b>
948	\$2,869.5m	\$1,457.5m	\$544.4m

### 1.4 Job numbers as at 30 April 2020 (monthly)

<b>Number of people employed in PGF-supported projects</b>	2,595*
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\* Based on information provided by funding recipients on contracted projects.

## 2. Communications Update

Planned announcements to Minister's Office for release			
Date	Location	Announcement	Additional Information
8-12 June	Waikato	Sugarloaf Mussel Farming Spine Road  Project Update visits  Commercial Information  Cambridge Racetrack	DPM announcement event and visits
	West Coast	Te Ara Pounamu	TBC
	Otago/ Southland	SOREC – Engineering Firms	TBC
Media releases to be completed by 12 June			
	Wairarapa	Ruamahanga (Wairarapa) Aerial Hydrogeology Survey	
	National	Work redeployment announcement (\$60m for roading, rail and training)	
Milestone events			
11 June	Northland	Project Update visits  Camera Obscura  Rolling Ball Clock  Hundertwasser Museum	Minister Jones and DPM
12 June	Nelson	Pic's Food Factory Opening	USEC

### 3. Delivery of projects update

#### 3.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
Ngawha Innovation & Enterprise Park - Stage 2	The contract for this project was executed last week. The funding is for infrastructure for a 165 hectare “green industry” development near Kaikohe, which aims to create new approaches to environmental sustainability and carbon neutrality, economic growth, and social equity in the region.
	<b>Amount:</b> \$19.502m   <b>Region:</b> Tai Tokerau   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Kaikōura Marine Development Programme — Part 1 Wakatu Quay	The tender for the demolition of the three existing buildings on Wakatu Wharf was notified last month and tenders close on 24 June 2020. The contract will be awarded after this and demolition is due to commence by <small>Commercial Information</small>
	<b>Amount:</b> \$9.800m   <b>Region:</b> Canterbury   <b>Status:</b> Contracted

#### 3.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
Ōpōtiki Harbour Development Project	Survey work on the rivers and the offshore seabed commenced last week. Full development of the Osborne’s quarry site is underway, initially supplying rock for the mussel factory site and for the access roads and then building a stockpile of rock for the harbour walls. Archaeological authority has been issued and this allows the construction of the access roads to the harbour to commence in <small>Commercial Information</small> . This will then allow <small>Commercial Information</small> to commence compaction works on the harbour wall foundations in <small>Commercial Informa</small> , which will inform the final design. A sod turning/karakia ceremony for physical works occurring on site is planned for the end of June.
	<b>Amount:</b> \$750,000   <b>Region:</b> Bay of Plenty   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Kai for Kaipara Water – Phase1B	The project is progressing well, with the focus to date on identifying potential sites and an evaluation to select two demonstration sites to showcase practical working examples of irrigating high-value horticultural crops. The Council will meet with landowners and agree terms of contracts in <small>Commercial Info</small> along with commencing several procurement processes.
	<b>Amount:</b> \$740,000   <b>Region:</b> Tai Tokerau   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Regional Digital Hub, Woodville, Tararua District	The building work for this project is due to commence in <small>Commercial Information</small> , subject to weather conditions. The Council has also started the process to procure furniture and IT equipment and will advertise for the Regional Digital Hub’s Activator Role within <small>Commercial Information</small> .
	<b>Amount:</b> \$400,000   <b>Region:</b> Manawatū-Whanganui   <b>Status:</b> Contracted

## 4. Other updates

### 4.1 Te Ara Mahi (TAM) / He Poutama Rangatahi (HPR) update

#### Regional Apprenticeships

Regional Economic Development Ministers will consider the regional apprenticeships package on 18 June 2020. The PDU is finalising a report on the regional apprenticeships package which will be with your office in the coming week for Ministerial consultation. The recommendations will give you delegated authority to approve applications and other details, as necessary. We also continue to work on potential applications to include for approval at that meeting and endeavour to have payments paid upfront as much as possible to assist businesses in the current climate.

The PDU has also been working with other government departments on the broader apprenticeship initiatives. We understand that a draft Cabinet paper on Apprenticeship Support and the expansion of Mana in Mahi will be discussed at the next Employment, Education and Training (EET) Ministers' meeting on Monday 8 June. This paper proposes a single unified approach to all apprenticeship initiatives Commercial Information [REDACTED] to provide clarity to employers. The PDU supports this approach.

The regional apprenticeships package is also outlined in the draft Cabinet paper Commercial Informa [REDACTED] and includes details of the wage subsidy of \$Commercial Informa in the first year and \$Commercial Informa in the second year, the additional funding set aside to support employers and apprentices, and administration costs. Some Ministers may raise equity issues around the regional apprenticeships wage subsidy to employers being higher than other apprentice wage subsidy amounts. However, the regional apprenticeships package will be targeted to Māori and Pasifika who are known to have greater labour market disparities, the higher wage subsidy will aim to lessen that disparity.

**Contact:** Stephen Ruddell, Principal Advisor, Te Ara Mahi, Privacy of natural persons

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date sent
3476 19-20	Regional Development Ministers' Meeting Pack	RED	David van der Zouwe	03 June 2020

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

Tracking #	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
3492 19-20	Draft Cabinet Paper - Provincial Growth Fund: Transitioning Provincial Growth Fund Limited into an active company	Jones	Isabel Poulson	3 June 2020



## Appendix 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIA					
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Status	Request
OIA424	Privacy of natural persons	3 Mar	23 Mar	Minister's Office	Commercial Information - Declined project
OIA436	Privacy of natural persons	4 Jun	17 Jun	Scoping	Oparara Project biodiversity protection plans & implementation

Departmental OIA						
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-1301	Privacy of natural persons	24 Feb	16 Mar	23 Mar	Minister's Office	Request for spreadsheet displaying PGF funding data
1920-1342	Privacy of natural persons	1 Mar	20 Mar	27 Mar	Review	PDU correspondence, lists, and minutes re: Northland or Waikato Drought
1920-1372	Privacy of natural persons	5 Mar	26 Mar	2 Apr	Review	Information relating to PGF funding for Northland and other projects
1920-1377	Privacy of natural persons	5 Mar	26 Mar	2 Apr	Gathering Information	Invoices relating to PGF Launch Event since the establishment of the PGF
1920-1404	Privacy of natural persons	12 Mar	6 Jul	13 Jul	Gathering Information	Supporting docs for the Wairoa-Gisborne rail feasibility study PGF funding
1920-1425	Privacy of natural persons	18 Mar	26 May	2 Jun	Scoping	Commercial Information
1920-1475	Privacy of natural persons	8 Apr	18 May	25 May	Review	Wai Ariki Hot Springs and Spa in Rotorua PGF application
1920-1506	Privacy of natural persons	20 Apr	29 May	5 Jun	Minister's Office	Documentation re: West Coast Digital Hub
1920-1562	Privacy of natural persons	7 May	29 May	5 Jun	Review	Commercial Information
1920-1577	Privacy of natural persons	10 May	1 Jun	8 Jun	Gathering Information	Emails relating to the OIA requests on 21 February 2019, 23 April 2019
1920-1608	Privacy of natural persons	15 May	8 Jun	15 Jun	Gathering Information	Advice given to the lead up of the Greymouth Dredge PGF funding application
1920-1614	Privacy of natural persons	18 May	9 Jun	16 Jun	Gathering Information	Info re:\$20 million in funding to construct two new All Weather race tracks
1920-1620	Privacy of natural persons	18 May	9 Jun	16 Jun	Scoping	Information held around He Poutama Rangatahi over the last two years

Departmental OIA						
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-1621	Privacy of natural persons [REDACTED]	18 May	9 Jun	16 Jun	Scoping	Documentation relating to Te Ara Mahi projects
1920-1622	Privacy of natural persons [REDACTED]	18 May	9 Jun	16 Jun	Scoping	Te Ara Mahi projects announced on 18 May 2020 documentation/ applications
1920-1625	Privacy of natural persons [REDACTED]	19 May	10 Jun	17 Jun	Scoping	Race tracks in Cambridge, Awapuni or Riccarton Park PGF info

## Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Subject
SJ198	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ3672	Privacy of natural persons	15 Mar	31 Mar	Disappointed with the decision for a Proposed Dam in the Wairarapa
SJ4018	Privacy of natural persons	13 Mar	1 Apr	Commercial Information
SJ4025	Privacy of natural persons	16 Mar	3 Apr	Commercial Information
SJ4172	Privacy of natural persons	20 Apr	15 May	Commercial Information
SJ4309	Privacy of natural persons	20 Apr	22 May	Request for funding for Paihia Waterfront Re-Development
SJ4417	Privacy of natural persons	16 May	12 Jun	Commercial Information - Declined project
SJ4535	Privacy of natural persons	12 May	12 Jun	Proposal for Northland Public transport
SJ4537	Privacy of natural persons	7 May	5 Jun	Support from PGF for rebuilding post COVID-19
SJ4539	Privacy of natural persons	7 May	5 Jun	PGF criteria and support for business
SJ4646	Privacy of natural persons	12 May	12 Jun	Environmental Projects that would benefit regional NZ
SJ4648	Privacy of natural persons	4 May	22 May	PGF - Whanganui Lower River Infrastructure and Port Revitalisation Projects
SJ4656	Privacy of natural persons	4 May	22 May	PGF - Whanganui Lower River Infrastructure and Port Revitalisation Projects
SJ4658	Privacy of natural persons	16 May	12 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ4664	Privacy of natural persons	4 May	22 May	PGF - Whanganui Lower River Infrastructure and Port Revitalisation
SJ4767	Privacy of natural persons	6 May	16 Jun	Digital Hubs Rural vs Remote Broadband for community group

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Subject
SJ4776	Privacy of natural persons	21 May	19 Jun	Water, water storage and peak dairy farm productivity
SJ4843	Privacy of natural persons	10 May	12 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ4882	Privacy of natural persons	13 May	12 Jun	Request projects in Northland to improve rail, land management & tourism
SJ4910	Privacy of natural persons	11 May	12 Jun	COVID-19 economic recovery solution discussion document Hanmer Springs
SJ4947	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	26 Jun	Regenerative Cross-Sectoral Collaboration Southern Waikato project
SJ4986	Privacy of natural persons	24 May	19 Jun	Support for business that could create employment opportunities in NZ
SJ5005	Privacy of natural persons	24 May	19 Jun	Funding for training in horticulture for youth and adults
SJ5025	Privacy of natural persons	20 May	19 Jun	Proposal for the fishing industry for PGF - COVID-19
SJ5031	Privacy of natural persons	20 May	19 Jun	Start-up technology business proposal for PGF
SJ5047	Privacy of natural persons	24 May	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5048	Privacy of natural persons	24 May	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5050	Privacy of natural persons	24 May	26 Jun	Requesting funds for Waste to energy project
SJ5051	Privacy of natural persons	24 May	26 Jun	Requesting support for Northland water supply business
SJ5124	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	26 Jun	South West Auckland Regional Wastewater Infrastructure Project
SJ5147	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5158	Privacy of natural persons	2 Jun	19 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5159	Privacy of natural persons	1 Jun	19 Jun	Commercial Information

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Subject
SJ5160	Privacy of natural persons	1 Jun	19 Jun	PGF application for Marae builds
SJ5163	Privacy of natural persons	1 Jun	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5182	Privacy of natural persons	1 Jun	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5195	Privacy of natural persons	1 Jun	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5200	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	26 Jun	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts and Ruapehu District Council
SJ5201	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5245	Privacy of natural persons	2 Jun	24 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5261	Privacy of natural persons	2 Jun	26 Jun	Commercial Information - declined project
SJ5264	Privacy of natural persons	2 Jun	19 Jun	Proposal involving the manufacture of Fishing Boats in Whangārei
SJ5269	Privacy of natural persons	2 Jun	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5284	Privacy of natural persons	2 Jun	19 Jun	Invitation for Minister to visit small woodwork, marine fit outs business

## Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking #	From	Date received	Due to Office	Question
PQ 9741 (2020)	Sarah Dowie	26 May	8 June	What public advertisements and notifications, if any, were there alerting Southland's engineering firms that they could apply for Provincial Growth Fund funding?
PQ 9981 (2020)	Judith Collins	2 June	10 June	When will the 2020 meeting schedule for the Provincial Growth Fund be available on the Grow Regions website?
PQ 10034 (2020)	Judith Collins	2 June	10 June	Further to the answer to written question 3989 (2020) what is the total amount of approved funding broken down by region as at 29 May 2020?
PQ 10035 (2020)	Judith Collins	2 June	10 June	Further to the answer to written question 3990 (2020), what are the latest figures?
PQ 10036 (2020)	Judith Collins	2 June	10 June	Further to the answer to written question 4015 (2020), what are the figures as at 29 May 2020?
PQ 10228 (2020)	Judith Collins	4 June	12 June	Further to the answer to written question 3717 (2020), how much funding has been disbursed from the Provincial Growth Fund as at 29 May 2020?

## Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Name / Document Type	Quantity	Due for release	Status
Cabinet Papers	2	TBC	Preparing
Regional Economic Development Weekly Reports	21	From 8 June	Minister's Office
Applications	238	From 8 June	Various
Funding Agreements	266	From 8 June	Various
Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting Papers	156	From 8 June	Minister's Office
Position Papers	0	N/A	N/A
Senior Regional Officials Meeting Papers	158	From 8 June	Sign-out
Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Papers	107	From 8 June	Sign-out
Business Cases / Feasibility Studies	16	From 8 June	Preparing