

# Regional Economic Development

**Weekly Report**

**18-24 June 2020**

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## 1. PDU Dashboard updates

### 1.1 PDU proposals and payments (week ending 21 June 2020)

<b>New proposals received in week ending 21 June 2020*</b>	59*
<b>Total proposals received to 21 June 2020*</b>	1,921*
<b>Payments made in week ending 21 June 2020**</b>	\$22.9m**

\*Includes applications and expressions of interest

\*\* Payment amounts fluctuate from week to week as they depend upon invoices being received from recipients.

### 1.2 Progress of proposals received by the PDU (as at 21 June 2020)

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Count*</b>
Awaiting assessment	245
Being assessed	201
Unsuccessful	941
Approved	534
<b>Total received</b>	<b>1,921*</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 PDU contracts completed to date

<b>PDU contracts completed in week ending 21 June 2020*</b>	8*
<b>PDU contracts completed 1-21 June 2020</b>	19

\* See Appendix 7 for list of project contracts signed this week

## 2. PGF Dashboard updates

### 2.1 Headline Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) numbers to 30 May 2020

<b>Total PGF funding committed to 31 May 2020</b>	\$3,081.1m
<b>Total funding contracted to 31 May 2020</b>	\$1,643.1m
<b>Total funding paid to date to 31 May 2020</b>	\$635.0m
<b>Total number of PGF contracted projects to 31 May 2020</b>	614

### 2.2 PGF Job numbers

<b>Number of jobs created during lifecycle of completed projects to May 2020</b>	1,409
<b>Number of people employed in PGF-supported projects in May 2020</b>	2,727
<b>Total of jobs created during lifecycle of completed projects to May 2020 and people employed in PGF-supported projects in May 2020</b>	<b>4,136</b>

Jobs data is based on information provided by funding recipients on contracted projects.

## 3. Combined PDU and PGF Dashboard updates

<b>PDU contracts completed 1-21 June 2020</b>	19
<b>PGF contracts completed to 31 May 2020</b>	614
<b>Total of PGF contracts completed to 31 May 2020 and PDU contracts completed 1-21 June 2020</b>	<b>633</b>
<b>Funding paid out via PDU 1-21 June 2020</b>	\$42.7m
<b>PGF funding paid to 31 May 2020</b>	\$592.3m
<b>Total of PGF funding paid to 31 May 2020 and funding paid out via PDU 1-21 June 2020</b>	<b>\$635.0m</b>

The PDU has contacted PGF agencies seeking weekly updates on contracts entered and cash paid. This will be included in weekly reports as received.

#### 4. Upcoming communication activities

<b>Planned announcements to Minister's Office for release</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Announcement</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
29 June – 3 July	Northland	Northland Adventure Explorer	Minister Jones
	Manawatū/ Whanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whanganui Port Revitalisation Infrastructure</li> <li>• Port Employment Precinct</li> <li>• Lower Whanganui Training Structures</li> <li>• Q West Boat Builders</li> <li>• Foxton Futures</li> <li>• Sarjeant Gallery</li> </ul>	Minister Jones
<b>Media releases to be completed by 3 July</b>			
	Multi-Region	Social Capital Programme	Minister Jones Minister Clark Minister Nash
	Southland	Southern Hydroponics	TBC

## 5. Delivery of projects update

### 5.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
Government Garden Cultural Quarter	<p>The building consent for stage one of this project has now been issued, with stages two and three submitted for assessment. The construction contractor <sup>Commercial Information</sup>, is currently working through pre-construction stage. The geotechnical and structure peer review is underway and work has begun with Heritage New Zealand to remove the last heritage objects from the basement. The deconstruction of the walls has also commenced and the structure detail is now complete.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$15.000m   <b>Region:</b> Bay of Plenty   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Kawatiri Coastal Trail	<p>Ngāti Waewae blessed the site at Buller Bridge on 23 June 2020. The local construction contractor, <sup>Commercial Information</sup>, commenced work on 24 June 2020. The construction commenced on the first stage of the trail, Westport to Carters Beach. This section of the trail is scheduled to open in <sup>Commercial Information</sup>.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$9.360m   <b>Region:</b> West Coast   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa	<p>Construction for this project commenced at the start of this week. There are diggers on the construction site and excavation is underway. The first concrete slabs will be poured in the next <sup>Commercial Information</sup>. The mains sewer and water connections and the electrical substation installation will commence in <sup>Commercial Information</sup>. The timeline for construction is approximately <sup>Commercial Information</sup>.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$7.500m   <b>Region:</b> Canterbury   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Northland Water Storage & Use (Kaipara and Mid North)	<p>PDU officials continue to work closely with the newly established Te Tai Tokerau Water Charitable Trust to transition this project from Northland Regional Council to the Trust. This includes the appointment of suppliers, meetings with representatives of the Regional Council, Kaipara District Council and Far North District Council, and establishing the governance and management frameworks necessary for the Trust to operate.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$7.000   <b>Region:</b> Tai Tokerau   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Kā Uri: Unearthed	<p>The construction contractor has commenced demolishing the lean-to and civil works are now underway. Building consent will be lodged with local authorities next week and project coordinators do not foresee delays with the consenting process. Ngāti Kuri, the recipient, is committed to keeping all staff employed through the COVID-19 recovery period and beyond. Contractors have agreed to take on <sup>Commerc</sup> of the Kā Uri Unearthed staff to assist over <sup>Commercial Information</sup> building period.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$5.423m   <b>Region:</b> Tai Tokerau   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Taranaki's Historic Cathedral Project	<p>The site blessing took place last week and construction then began. The researcher for the Whare Hononga Content Creation stage has been engaged and the content curation contractor, <sup>Commercial Information</sup>, has been approved. Content creation is due to begin.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$5.000m   <b>Region:</b> Taranaki   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>

## 5.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
Ōpōtiki Regional Digital Hub	<p>The physical internal works for this project are underway. During the lockdown period, the Council advanced the training and development part of the project and identified ICT needs. Equipment has been ordered and the Council plans to open the hub on <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Commercial Information</span>.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$400,000   <b>Region:</b> Bay of Plenty   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
North of Auckland Rail Line	<p>Physical works are now underway on the essential works and upgrades. The overall programme cost is currently forecast to be <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Commercial Information</span>. This is mainly due to COVID-19 impacts, an increase in the scope following investigation, and receiving higher than budgeted contractor pricing. Current work by the KiwiRail Programme Team to identify cost reductions, value-engineering, and scope and quality options is necessary but will not bring the cost back down by enough. <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Commercial Information</span>. More information will be provided when Kiwirail's full report on the situation has been provided in the next week.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$400,000   <b>Region:</b> Bay of Plenty   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date sent
3737 19-20	Kaitaia PGF Announcements, 19 June 2020	Jones, Little	Nicki Sutherland	16 June



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

Tracking #	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Commercial Information	Jones	Kate Styles	24 June

### Appendix 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIAs					
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Status	Request
OIA436	Privacy of natural persons	4 Jun	17 Jun	Scoping	Oparara Project biodiversity protection plans and implementation

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-1342	Privacy of natural persons	1 Mar	20 Mar	27 Mar	Minister's Office	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	Review	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	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
1920-1577	Privacy of natural persons	10 May	1 Jun	13 Jul	Drafting	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	Drafting	Advice given to the lead up of the Greymouth Dredge PGF funding application
1920-1621	Privacy of natural persons	18 May	9 Jun	16 Jun	Gathering Information	Documentation relating to Te Ara Mahi projects
1920-1622	Privacy of natural persons	18 May	9 Jun	16 Jun	Drafting	Te Ara Mahi projects announced on 18 May 2020 documentation / applications
1920-1718	Privacy of natural persons	8 Jun	29 Jun	6 Jul	Scoping	Commercial Information
1920-1736	Privacy of natural persons	10 Jun	1 Jul	8 Jul	Scoping	Export of honey and manuka honey between 2000 and 2020
1920-1740	Privacy of natural persons	4 May	26 May	2 Jun	Gathering Information	Query re: PGF funding of New Plymouth Church
1920-1747	Privacy of natural persons	11 Jun	2 Jul	9 Jul	Scoping	Water storage funding decisions

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-1751	Privacy of natural persons	14 Jun	3 Jul	10 Jul	Gathering Information	Commercial Information
1920-1753	Privacy of natural persons	12 Jun	3 Jul	10 Jul	Gathering Information	Repurposing of PGF funds due to COVID19.
1920-1757	Privacy of natural person	15 Jun	6 Jul	13 Jul	Scoping	Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust appointments.
1920-1765	Privacy of natural persons	16 Jun	7 Jul	14 Jul	Scoping	Commercial Information
1920-1772	Privacy of natural persons	16 Jun	7 Jul	14 Jul	Scoping	Regional grant applicant's checks and balances.

## 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
SJ4025	Privacy of natural persons	16 Mar	3 Apr	Commercial Information
SJ4172	Privacy of natural persons	20 Apr	15 May	Commercial Information
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
SJ4664	Privacy of natural persons	4 May	22 May	PGF - Whanganui Lower River Infrastructure and Port Revitalisation
SJ4776	Privacy of natural persons	21 May	19 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ4947	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	26 Jun	Regenerative Cross-Sectoral Collaboration Southern Waikato project
SJ4992	Privacy of natural persons	11 Jun	10 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5005	Privacy of natural persons	24 May	19 Jun	Funding for training in horticulture for youth and adults
SJ5031	Privacy of natural persons	20 May	19 Jun	Commercial Information
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	Commercial Information
SJ5051	Privacy of natural persons	24 May	26 Jun	Requesting support for Northland water supply business

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Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Subject
SJ5124	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5147	Privacy of natural persons	28 May	26 Jun	Commercial Information
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
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
SJ5311	Privacy of natural persons	19 Jun	10 Jul	Wairoa Covid19 Economic Recovery Plan
SJ5355	Privacy of natural persons	6 Jun	19 Jun	Increasing drought resistance in Northland rural areas
SJ5372	Privacy of natural persons	6 Jun	3 Jul	Ahuwhenua Trust - seeking access to their whenua - Request PGF funds
SJ5387	Privacy of natural persons	6 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5388	Privacy of natural persons	5 Jun	26 Jun	Support for the South Waikato region and digital hubs
SJ5391	Privacy of natural persons	5 Jun	26 Jun	Commercial Information

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Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Subject
SJ5403	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5408	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5421	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5442	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5445	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5446	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5458	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5459	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5460	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5464	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5482	Privacy of natural persons	11 Jun	3 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5492	Privacy of natural persons	11 Jun	26 Jun	Commercial Information
SJ5510	Privacy of natural persons	14 Jun	10 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5517	Privacy of natural persons	14 Jun	10 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5533	Privacy of natural persons	15 Jun	10 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5538	Privacy of natural persons	15 Jun	10 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5542	Privacy of natural persons	15 Jun	10 Jul	Commercial Information

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Subject
SJ5549	Privacy of natural persons	15 Jun	3 Jul	Recent projects for Northland that have been approved
SJ5559	Privacy of natural persons	16 Jun	10 Jul	Whakatohea Mussel farm process plant, Commercial Information
SJ5601	Privacy of natural persons	18 Jun	10 Jul	Commercial Information
SJ5606	Privacy of natural persons	18 Jun	10 Jul	Commercial Information



## Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions due this week

Written Parliamentary Questions			
Tracking #	From	Question	Status
PQ 11270 (2020)	Amy Adams	For all entities under the Minister's portfolio, what percentage of invoices received by that entity were paid within 10 working days of the date of the invoice, for each month over the past three months (March, April and May 2020)?	Unsent
PQ 11314 (2020)	Melissa Lee	Has the Minister held a meeting with Officials from CERTNZ, Netsafe or any other entity regarding the topic of Security relating to their portfolio work; if so, when and for what reason?	Unsent
PQ 11513 (2020)	Dr Shane Reti	Further to reply 10805 (2020), how many employees have been redeployed to date?	Unsent

## Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Name / Document Type	Quantity	Due for release	Status
Cabinet Papers	5	TBC	With Ministers Office
Regional Economic Development Weekly Reports	42	From 29 June	Various
Applications	233	From 29 June	Various
Funding Agreements	255	From 29 June	Various
Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting Papers	148	From 29 June	Various
Position Papers	0	N/A	N/A
Senior Regional Officials Meeting Papers	144	From 29 June	Various
Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Papers	93	From 29 June	Various
Business Cases / Feasibility Studies	14	From 29 June	Various

## Appendix 7 – PDU contracted projects for the week ending 21 June 2020

Project contracts signed in week ending 21 June 2020		
Contract number	Project	Date signed
Commercial Information	Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa Education, Training and Employment (ETE) initiatives at Te Poho o Tuariki	15 June 2020
Commercial Information	Commercial Information - prejudice to negotiations	16 June 2020
Commercial Information	Kaimanawa Alpine Adventures Joint-venture partnership – Kaimanawa 3B2A and 3B2B Trusts and Helisika Limited	16 June 2020
Commercial Information	Cen Eng Omakau – Engineering Machinery	17 June 2020
Commercial Information	Transitioning to Horticultural opportunities through off stream water storage	17 June 2020
Commercial Information	Commercial Information - prejudice to negotiations	18 June 2020
Commercial Information	Mahi Ora Ōpōtiki – An employed community thrives	18 June 2020
Commercial Information	Tararua REAP – Employment Liaison Advisors x2	12 June 2020