

# Regional Economic Development

**Weekly Report**

**23 - 27 September 2019**

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## 1. Dashboard updates

### 1.1 Status of applications as at 26 September 2019

<b>New projects this week</b>	14
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### 1.2 Headline Numbers as at 31 August 2019 (monthly)

Total PGF funding committed	Total funding contracted	Total value of funding paid to date
\$2,457.47m	\$1,075.25m	\$273.79m

### 1.3 Job numbers as at 31 August 2019 (quarterly)

<b>Number of jobs created</b>	1,854
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\*Based on information provided by funding recipients

### 1.4 Progress of applications and EOI as at 31 August 2019 (monthly)

Stage	Count*
EOI / Application received	165
Being processed	150
Unsuccessful	643
Approved	297
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,255</b>

\* Approved projects also includes out of process projects that are managed by other PGF agencies. Application numbers and project numbers may differ, as an application may result in multiple projects.

## 2. Upcoming announcements

Date	Region	Projects being announced	Additional information
2 Oct	Tairāwhiti / East Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASET Poutama Rangatahi Programme (HPR)</li> <li>• Kuru Contracting Workforce Development (TAM)</li> <li>• Rangatahi Pathways to the Trades Initiative (HPR)</li> <li>• Tairāwhiti Road Transport and Machinery - Recruitment and Training (TAM)</li> <li>• Securing supply of quality fresh produce for New Zealand (Leaderbrand)</li> <li>• Ūawanui Cultural Nursery Training Programme, (Tairāwhiti) (HPR)</li> <li>• GDL2MAHI (TAM)</li> <li>• Generation Programme</li> </ul>	Minister
3 Oct	Manawatū / Whanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tongariro Professional River Guides Training Course Programme</li> <li>• Whanganui Work Ready Passport Initiative</li> </ul>	USEC
4 Oct	Waikato	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muriwhenua Mānuka Oils</li> </ul>	USEC

## 3. Communications activities

Date	Region	Media projects	Additional information
30 Sept	East Coast / Tairāwhiti	Follow up on impacts of roading contracts story in Gisborne Herald	
7 Oct	Kāpiti / Wairarapa	Regional progress story for Wairarapa Times Age	
9 Oct			Commercial Information
11 Oct	West Coast	Stories on announcements and projects on West Coast	Developing a series of different stories with the Regions team.

## 4. Delivery of projects update

### 4.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
Rotorua Lakefront Development	Resource consent has been granted for the lakefront development and licence to occupy will be finalised this week with Te Arawa Lakes Trust. A karakia is planned for the morning of 15 October 2019 and the Minister has been invited to attend. Construction for the project will begin after the karakia and is due to be completed by <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Commercial Information</span> .
	<b>Amount:</b> \$19.900m   <b>Region:</b> Bay of Plenty   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Government Garden Cultural Quarter	The contract has been signed by the recipient and will be executed by the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) this week.
	<b>Amount:</b> \$15.000m   <b>Region:</b> Bay of Plenty   <b>Status:</b> With Regional Team
Te Hiku Sports Hub	This aged contract has now been executed.
	<b>Amount:</b> \$3.000m   <b>Region:</b> Northland   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Ka Uri: Unearthed	Contract negotiations for the loan are progressing well with an expected execution date of 31 October 2019.
	<b>Amount:</b> \$5.424m   <b>Region:</b> Northland   <b>Status:</b> With Legal Team
Hundertwasser	Whangarei District Council's CEO presented a largely positive progress report to Council on 19 September 2019 which noted that <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Commercial Information</span> <span style="background-color: #cccccc;"> </span> <span style="background-color: #cccccc;"> </span> <span style="background-color: #cccccc;"> </span>
	<b>Amount:</b> \$13.940m   <b>Region:</b> Northland   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Croesus Road Upgrade	Construction on this project has commenced. Extensive surveying and design work has already been completed, alongside an ecological assessment of the new design, to ensure there is minimal effects on the surrounding environment and wildlife. Construction is on track and due to be completed in <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Commercial Information</span> .
	<b>Amount:</b> \$3.500m   <b>Region:</b> West Coast   <b>Status:</b> Contracted

## 4.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
Accelerating Aquaculture Development in Whakatōhea Rohe Moana	<p>Consents have been issued for the <small>Commercial Information</small> ha farm block which will predominantly be used as a nursery and spat-catching farm. The benthic assessment has taken place and the water column assessment is underway. <small>Commercial Information</small></p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$950,000   <b>Region:</b> Bay of Plenty   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Te Aroha Tourism Precinct	<p>The feasibility study has been completed and was approved by the Governance Group on 5 September 2019. The next step is for the recipient to incorporate the PDU's recommendation to include further detail in the investment case, which is due to be submitted in <small>Commercial Information</small></p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$810,000   <b>Region:</b> Waikato   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Old Ghost Road Cycle Trail	<p>The first hut for this upgrade project has been completed and the work on the second hut has already commenced. Work on the third and final hut will commence next week. They are all due to be completed by the end of <small>Commercial Information</small>. The trail upgrade can then commence in late <small>Commercial Information</small>.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$500,000   <b>Region:</b> West Coast   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Te Waka Waikato EDA	<p><small>Commercial Information</small> part-time consultants have been recruited for this project to accelerate the development of Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) applications in this area. They will also help to strengthen Whenua Māori projects.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$400,000   <b>Region:</b> Waikato   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
South Island Destination Management Plan	<p>The final draft of the Destination Management Plan is well underway by Stafford Consulting. They are incorporating minor feedback provided by the <small>Commercial Information</small> at its last meeting on 2 September 2019. The Chair of the group, Mayor of Selwyn District Sam Broughton, will present the draft plan at the Local Government Zone 5/6 Mayors meeting in Oamaru on <small>Commercial Information</small>. Further consultation will be held with other stakeholders during <small>Commercial Information</small> before finalising the Destination Management Plan.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$250,000   <b>Region:</b> Canterbury   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Coordination of South Island Events	<p>The recipient has recruited a specialist for this project with appropriate digital marketing and website development skills. Initially, this person will focus on the roll-out of the events calendar to South Island stakeholders over the next three months.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$150,000   <b>Region:</b> Canterbury   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>

### 4.3 TAM Projects

Project name	Description/ update
Smart Waikato's Secondary School Employer Partnership	Smart Waikato has successfully recruited the South Waikato Coordinator role for this project. This will enable to project to start rolling out to all of the schools in the region.
	<b>Amount:</b> \$449,300   <b>Region:</b> Waikato   <b>Status:</b> Contracted

### 4.4 Major upcoming project deliverables – due by the end of Commercial Information

Project Name	Region	Description of Milestone
Building Capability in the Provinces	National	The recipient will establish and make live an online portal, which will make existing resources and publications available along with course content for the professional development courses delivered under the agreement.
Kawatiri Coastal Trail	West Coast	<span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Commercial Information</span>
Hawke's Bay Airfreight Initiative	Hawke's Bay	The final business case is due to be submitted to the Ministry, which addresses objectives and Ministry feedback.
The Camera Obscura Sculpture	Northland	Submission of resource consents and building consents (if appropriate) to the Ministry.
West Coast Regional Cycle Trails Strategy Development	West Coast	Delivery of the strategy document, fact book, status update, determination of where and how to deliver network of trails, matrix/checklist for future initiatives, template and final report.

## 5. Operational Support and Improvement (OSI) update

Open and Transparent PDU	
<p>A commissioning brief has been drafted for the Open and Transparent PDU work programme which will focus on the shift in the way documentation and information is released as well as the evaluation of previously released documentation to assess its compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidance 2.1 provided through the State Services Commission (SSC) Third National Action Plan.</p>	
<p><b>Effectively managing the pipeline of PGF applications</b></p> <p>Per the Cabinet paper submitted on 20 September 2019, we have prioritised and are working on the decline delegations in accordance with the two-stage triage evaluation of applications.</p>	
<b>Contact:</b>	Tane Dewes, Manager Operational Support and Improvement, 04 901 2073

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date sent
0945 19-20	Aide Memoire: Summary of Cabinet Paper – PGF Second Allocation of Funding for Skills and Employment	Jones	Isabel Poulson	23 Sep
0930 19-20	USEC attendance at the 2019 NZ Petroleum Conference	USEC	Karen Walfisch	23 Sep
0997 19-20	Provincial Grown Fund Loan Notifications - September 2019 out of cycle	Twyford	David van der Zouwe	25 Sep
0941 19-20	Minister's recess week announcements 2 October 2019	Jones Jackson	Mark Jacobs	26 Sep

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Event Briefing: Meeting with Te Puke business community	USEC	Nicki Sutherland	Commercial Information
TBC	Event Briefing: Meeting with Far North Holdings 17 October 2019	Jones Little	Nicki Sutherland	
TBC	Commercial Information - Declined Application			
TBC	Event Briefing: EDNZ Conference	USEC	Nicki Sutherland	



## Appendix 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIA						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA330	Privacy of natural persons	26 Aug	30 Sep	14 Oct	Review	Under the OIA I seek copies of all emails held by your office relating to your possible or potential participation in a photo shoot on a boat, filmed by a drone. I also seek copies of all documents held by your office relating to this.
OIA342	Privacy of natural persons	6 Sep	26 Sep	3 Oct	Gathering Information	Could you please provide me copies of all documents you have received in relation to the decision to invest \$94.8 million into upgrading the North Auckland Line
OIA343	Privacy of natural persons	13 Sep	30 Sep	7 Oct	Gathering Information	I request all briefings/reports/aide memoires received by your and your office relating to the recently announced \$94.8 million investment to maintain and improve the North Auckland Line between Swanson and Whangarei.
OIA348	Privacy of natural persons	19 Sep	2 Oct	9 Oct	Scoping	Under the OIA I seek a copy of the two papers mentioned below please.  Reply: DEV - 31/07: Provincial Growth Fund: March – June 2019 Report The title of one paper has been withheld as it relates to upcoming announcements.

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0167	Privacy of natural persons	2 Aug	2 Oct	9 Oct	Gathering Information	<p>The following information in relation to the SWEP (Road Transport Sector):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Copies of any advice provided to the Minister, or similar internal documents, recommending this programme should proceed. Please include any expectations of the programme in terms of sustainable employment outcomes.</li> <li>2. The date the programme was formally launched.</li> <li>3. The number of participants that have taken part in the programme to date by geographical region, (Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu, Wellington, Nelson/Marlborough, Canterbury, West Coast, Otago and Southland)</li> <li>4. The number of programme participants that have gained full time employment (30-hours or more per week) in the industry as a direct result of taking part in the programme.</li> <li>5. The number of programme participants, who having gained full time employment in the industry and were still working the industry 3-months after commencing their employment.</li> <li>6. The cost of the programme to date to MBIE.</li> <li>7. The number of hours MBIE staff have incurred in relation to the establishment, and ongoing maintenance of the programme. (Please also advise if the dollar value of these hours is included in the overall cost of the programme to MBIE to date.)</li> <li>8. Copies of any updates of the programme provided to the Minister, or extracts from any wider reports, provided that report the progress of the programme to the Minister.</li> </ol>
1920-0227		20 Aug	4 Oct	8 Oct	Gathering Information	A number of questions relating to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0247	Privacy of natural persons	20 Aug	2 Oct	9 Oct	Gathering Information (note received for Min Jackson)	Under the Official Information Act, I request all held information including; Expression of Interests, the funding application and it's supporting documents i.e. Letters of Support, all project planning documents, and all held correspondence between MBIE and all parties related to the Secondary School Employer Partnership (SSEP) project which was funded \$449,300 through Te Ara Mahi fund announced 14 August 2019 by Hon Shane Jones.
1920-0250		20 Aug	2 Oct	9 Oct	Gathering Information (note received for Min Jackson)	Under the Official Information Act, I request all held information including; expression of interests (EOI), funding application and it's supporting documents i.e. letters of support, all project planning/program documents, and all held correspondence between MBIE and all parties related to following projects announced on 15 August 2019: NGEN Room (He Puna Marama Trust) \$990,000 Life Talk (Kamo Driving School) \$396,000 He Poutama Taitamariki \$2.5 million (HPT) Thank you MBIE.
1920-0269		21 Aug	30 Sep	14 Oct	Gathering Information	Under the OIA I seek copies of all emails held by the Ministry relating to the Minister for Regional Development's participation in a photo shoot on a boat, filmed by a drone. I also seek copies of all documents held by the Ministry relating to this.

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0374	Privacy of natural persons	4 Sep	30 Sep	14 Oct	Scoping	I have a query about a Provincial Growth Fund payment that I would like to be treated under the terms of the Official Information Act. The all programmes funding PDF says \$Commercial Information has been allocated to "Commercial Information". Does this funding refer to the loan/payment to Commercial Information, announced in July? If so, can you please explain the discrepancy between the \$Commercial Information figure and the \$Commercial million figure reported in July? If the "Commercial Information" item does not refer to Commercial Information, to what programme does it refer? And which item in the PDF covers the Commercial Information payment?
1920-0395		6 Sep	1 Oct	5 Oct	Scoping	I seek a copy of all e-mails, letters and file notes from 9.45am on 13 August 2019 to 3 September 2019 that the Gisborne District Council and the Provincial Development Unit have received/compiled in relation to the TEAP Steering Committee, Te Aitanga a Mahaki, the protest outside the Gisborne District Council on 22 August 2019 and all e-mails that refer to any of those issues and/or <small>Commercial Information, Privacy of na</small>

## Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2522	Privacy of natural persons	24 Jun	15 Aug	Kawakawa Rail River Foreshore / Commercial Information
SJ2588		3 Jul	ON HOLD	Hawkes Bay Regional Water Security Programme PGF application
SJ2803		29 Jul	20 Aug	Singapore Trash Video
SJ2806		29 Jul	20 Aug	University of Maryland Accelerated Mass / Moananui
SJ2849		2 Aug	23 Aug	Oji Fibre Solutions signs MoU with Licella- iQ Renew to investigate new plastic recycling technology
SJ2869		9 Aug	30 Aug	Northland Biocoal Project
SJ2870		9 Aug	30 Aug	Closing of meat waste facilities in the regions
SJ2892		14 Aug	4 Sep	Flax Fiber / NZ Wool
SJ2906		21 Aug	6 Sep	Commercial Information - Withdrawn Expression of Interest
SJ2944		6 Sep	20 Sep	Conflicts of interest of government agencies
SJ2942		6 Sep	20 Sep	The Kauri Museum at Matakohe
SJ2937		6 Sep	20 Sep	Provincial Growth Fund - self-funding
SJ2932		6 Sep	20 Sep	NAX application to PGF - Letter of Support.
SJ2931		6 Sep	20 Sep	Invercargill receives \$19.5 million funding boost from Provincial Growth Fund   1 NEWS NOW   TVNZ

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2945	Privacy of natural persons	11 Sep	25 Sep	MGM Modules
SJ2961		11 Sep	25 Sep	Pita Street Developments
SJ2967		11 Sep	25 Sep	Commercial Information [REDACTED]
SJ2965		11 Sep	25 Sep	Solar Panel manufacture in New Zealand
SJ2958		11 Sep	25 Sep	Port Taranaki PGF Application - MFA Letter of Support
SJ2975		13 Sep	26 Sep	Ōpōtiki Harbour Transformation Funding Decision
SJ2980		13 Sep	26 Sep	Kerikeri Airport opportunity
SJ2983		13 Sep	26 Sep	Commercial Information - Unsupported EOI
SJ2984		13 Sep	26 Sep	Funding for Family Support Services Kaiwaka/Mangawhai Inc.
SJ2985		13 Sep	26 Sep	Port Taranaki PGF Application
SJ2987		13 Sep	26 Sep	UNESCO World Heritage Status
SJ2931		13 Sep	26 Sep	Sustainable Future for NZ
SJ2996		13 Sep	26 Sep	Potential Application
SJ3009		13 Sep	26 Sep	Maori opportunity to create business in Kaeo. Northland
SJ3010		13 Sep	26 Sep	K.I.A Initiative
SJ3028		13 Sep	26 Sep	PGF Application Waste to Energy in Partnerships with Councils and Government

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ3027	Privacy of natural persons	17 Sep	30 Sep	Business opportunity for Maori Innovators
SJ3031		17 Sep	30 Sep	Ōpōtiki harbour development
SJ3039		17 Sep	30 Sep	New Plymouth District Council
SJ3042		17 Sep	30 Sep	Future NZ hydrogen economy
SJ3043		17 Sep	30 Sep	Northland various
SJ3046		17 Sep	30 Sep	Commercial Information - Declined Application
SJ3053		17 Sep	30 Sep	Letter for Hon Shane Jones

## Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Office	Question
PQ 33079 (2019)	Hon Nathan Guy	24 Sep	27 Sep (sent)	What funds from the Provincial Growth Fund, if any, have been allocated towards projects in the Otaki electorate? Please list projects by type and the total funding allocated.
PQ 33372 (2019)	Maureen Pugh	25 Sep	30 Sep	What evidence, if any, can the Minister provide on how the Government's Rural Proofing Policy was applied to any policy decision made in his/her portfolio?
PQ 33453 (2019)	Lawrence Yule	27 Sep	1 Oct	How much money has been committed to the National Aquarium in Napier from the Provincial Growth Fund to date and are any further funding applications for the project under consideration by the fund?
PQ 33452 (2019)	Lawrence Yule	27 Sep	1 Oct	What meetings, briefings, memos or reports has the Minister, MBIE officials had with the Napier City Council (or their staff) on the National Aquarium Project in Napier if any and if so what are the details by date, title, attendees and authors?
PQ 33430 (2019)	Lawrence Yule	27 Sep	1 Oct	What briefing notes, memos, meetings has the Minister had to discuss the National Aquarium Project in Napier if any and if so what are the details by date, attendees, author and title?
PQ 33807 (2019)	Maureen Pugh	27 Sep	2 Oct	What advice, if any, has the Minister received regarding the application of the Rural Proofing Policy to all policy decisions made in the Minister's portfolio?
PQ 33806 (2019)	Maureen Pugh	27 Sep	2 Oct	What consultation, if any, has the Minister undertaken regarding the application of the Rural Proofing Policy to all policy decisions made in the Minister's portfolio?



## Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Name / Document Type	Quantity	Due for release	Status
Applications	257	Commercial Information	Various
Funding Agreements	257		Various
Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Papers	2 document sets		Collation
Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting Papers	3 document sets		Collation
Regional Economic Development Weekly Reports	5		At Minister's Office

Documents Released This Week	
Tracking Number	Document Title
	Provincial Growth Fund Position Paper: Airports
	Regional funding maps