

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 30 November

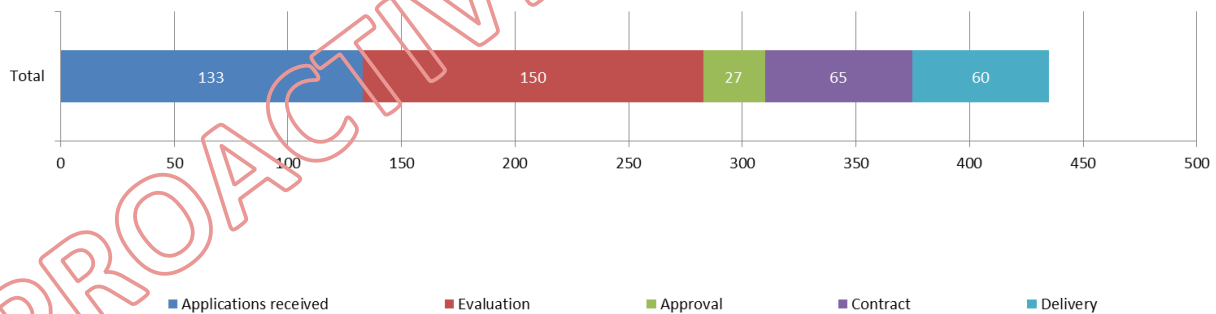
New projects this week	11
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
735	300	435

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced *
179 projects for \$561m	94 projects for \$399m

* This figure is accurate as at 31 October 2018 and does not include 1 Billion Trees.

1.2 Progress of applications as at 30 November



2. Regional Updates

2.1 Top of the South

PipeDrive update

As at 23 November 2018, 25 applications from Top of the South have been lodged in PipeDrive.

The status of those applications is:

- 9 are being assessed
- 8 have been approved
- 5 have been declined
- 3 are awaiting further information.

Regional Activity

- Al Morrison's appointment as the Senior Regional Official (SRO) for Te Tau Ihu has been well received and initial regional visits have been held with Tasman District Council Mayor, Nelson City Council Chief Executive, Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) colleagues. Al also attended the second 2077 Te Tau Ihu Regional Growth Strategy Steering Group meeting.
- The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) has been working with the Marine Farmers Association and Tasman District Council regarding infrastructure development at Port Taranaki. These parties are hoping to meet before the end of November.
- The Te Tau Ihu Regional Inter-sector Forum (RIF) met on 14 November in Wairau where the RIF Economic Pou's plans for the Māketē Pō (Night Market) to be held on Friday 14 December were strongly supported.
- Approximately 40 people registered for the He kai kei aku ringa Regional Māori Business Hui on Saturday 17 November 2018 and the day was well attended with positive feedback from participants.

Upcoming Announcements

The PDU is working towards having an investment package ready based around aquaculture and aims to have relevant funding agreements confirmed early in the New Year.

PGF Applications

- A draft funding agreement has been sent to Wakatū Inc. regarding their application to lead the development of the 2077 Te Tau Ihu Regional Growth Strategy.
- The contract with Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre has been signed and work has commenced on the feasibility study.
- The PDU is also awaiting feedback from Cawthron Institute regarding funding models to develop a National Aquaculture Research and Development Centre.
- An application has been received from Mohua Encounters for development around Port Taranaki and **Commercial Information**.
- The SROs have approved an application to develop the business case for a National Artificial Intelligence Institute (NAII), based on aquaculture.
- The SROs have also conditionally approved an application for a whale trail

and multi-use cycle and walking trail between Picton and Kaikoura. This aligns well with the South Island Destination Management Strategy which the SROs have also approved.

Contact: Kate Styles, Manager Regional Development (Central/South), Privacy of natural persons

2.2 Hawke's Bay

PipeDrive update

As at 28 November 2018, 34 applications from the Hawke's Bay have been lodged in Pipedrive.

The status of those applications is:

- 4 have been approved
- 24 are being assessed
- 1 has been declined
- 5 are awaiting further information

Regional Activity

- Local authorities (Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Hastings District Council, Napier City Council, Wairoa District Council, and Central Hawke's Bay District Council) have developed a combined Provincial Growth Fund participation strategy document. They have submitted a forward plan to the PDU outlining the applications they are working on and plan to submit for the remainder of this year and into 2019.
- Senior managers from the PDU Senior Leadership Team visited Hawke's Bay on 16 November 2018 and engaged in discussion with a number of stakeholders and potential applicants from the private sector.
- There has been a steady number of enquiries from private sector interests hoping to gain more information about the Provincial Growth Fund. Local PDU staff have offered support to these stakeholders and to those as they prepare their approaches to the fund.

Upcoming Announcements

Preparation for a package announcement in March 2019 has commenced. A strong cross-agency focus has been a key component of this plan.

Contact: Kate Styles, Manager Regional Development (Central/South), Privacy of natural persons

2.3 Waikato

PipeDrive update

As at 23 November 2018, 45 applications and Expressions of Interest (Eol) from Waikato have been lodged in PipeDrive.

The status of those applications is:

- 7 applications have been approved
- 1 Eol is proceeding to application
- 9 applications have been declined
- 6 Eol are not proceeding to application (declined)
- 4 applications and Eol have been withdrawn by the applicant
- 6 are on hold
- 2 are awaiting further info

- 10 are in various stages of assessment

Regional Activity

- Te Waka have now launched the Waikato Regional Economic Development Programme 2018 - 2022. They are looking to confirm a date to meet with Minister Jones to present the prioritised projects for the Waikato Region.
- South Waikato Economic Action Plan - Martin Jenkins have completed the first draft of the Work Programme for South Waikato. There are some great initiatives sitting within this plan that are a good fit for the Provincial Growth Fund.
- Waikato Region Māori Economic Action Plan - iwi representation and governance for the plan is progressing well. The current proposition is to allow for two iwi representative positions on the Te Waka Board (seconded from the Waikato Plan Governance Group). In February it will be the one-year anniversary of the launch of this plan and agencies are supporting Te Puni Kokiri (TPK) to develop an event around this and working together to identify potential announcements for this event.

Upcoming Announcements

Commercial Information

North Waikato

There is strong commercial interest in the North Waikato. Many companies are looking to relocate their businesses South from Auckland, into the North Waikato. Unfortunately infrastructure and development costs are proving to be a barrier with many projects becoming uneconomical to progress as a result. Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and agencies are looking to identify potential solutions to this issue.

Contact:	Daniel Eakins-Veras, Manager Regional Development Northern, <small>Privacy of natural pers</small>
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3. Other Updates

3.1 Māori Partnerships

The PDU Communications and Engagement team have been working on a Māori Partnership (previously Engagement) Strategy, to ensure Māori have an understanding of, and see the opportunity of unlocking Māori potential through the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF).

Our team has been supporting both the PDU's regions team, and TPK staff in the regions when meeting with Iwi/hapū. Through these interactions PDU were invited by Te Ariki Ta Tumu Te Heuheu to present to hapū the PGF, in partnership with TPK. These wānanga were found to be key for Māori to start realising the opportunity PGF can create in both Regional and Māori economies.

Next steps:

- Continue engaging with hapū through wānanga ki kanohi ki te kanohi.
- Finalise the Tuawhenua Māori Partnership Strategy with TPK and the Māori Economic Advisory Board.

We will continue to update your office on the development of the Tuawhenua Māori Partnership Strategy.

Contact: Peta Tangiwai, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Privacy of natural persons

3.2 Cabinet paper consultation: A new Approach to Employer-Assisted Work Visas and Regional Workforce Planning

Confidential advice to Government Hon Lees-Galloway has lodged the Cabinet paper and consultation document on a new approach to employer-assisted work visas and on regional workforce planning for discussion at the Economic Development (DEV) Cabinet committee on 5 December 2018.

The papers outline a more integrated approach to the domestic labour market (compulsory education, tertiary education and the welfare / employment system) with employers' demand for migrant labour triggering sectoral or regional responses in terms of growing domestic supply. In relation to regional alignment and workforce planning, MBIE agrees with the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Education, the Tertiary Education Commission and the Treasury on the need for the design of the domestic labour market response to be aligned with the outcomes of the education and welfare system reviews currently underway and for agencies to continue to work together closely. The PGF represents an opportunity to improve sustainable employment outcomes in the regions. The PGF approach to skills and employment aligns with the proposed approach and the PDU is engaged in this work.

The consultation process will last through to March 2019, with the results informing a subsequent report-back to Cabinet in June 2019.

Contact: AJ Millward, General Manager Strategy & Governance, Privacy of natural persons

Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 3 December 2018	
Tuesday, 4 December 2018	
Minister meeting with Synlait	Aide Memoire due 3/12
USEC – PGF Dinner with PWC & BNZ CEOs	None required
Wednesday, 5 December 2018	
RED Officials meeting 4:30-5:30pm	
Thursday, 6 December 2018	
Meeting with Ministers Little and Parker re Kaipara Harbour environmental remediation	
Independent Advisory Panel meeting	
RED Ministers meeting	
Friday, 7 December 2018	

December

12 RED Officials Meeting

Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule			
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	Release Dates	MBIE Contact
29 November	Prime Minister and Minister Jones to announce package of Provincial Growth Fund investments for the West Coast.	Provided to Minister's Office	Laura Barnsley
29 November	Waitangi Bike Park Release	Provided to Minister	Laura Barnsley
2 December	Minister Jones debating opposition Regional Economic Development spokesperson Paul Goldsmith on Q+A		Karyn Stillwell

Appendix 3 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
1901 18-19	RED Ministers Briefing Pack	Minister	Robert Pigou	27 Nov
1809 18-19	Hawke's Bay Event Briefing	USEC	Isabel Poulson	26 Nov
1900 18-19	West Coast PGF Announcements Event Briefing	Minister	Kate Styles	27 Nov

PROACTIVELY RELEASED

Appendix 4 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
1832 18-19	Briefing for meeting with Minister Mahuta regarding Māori Development and the PGF pipeline	Minister	Isabel Poulson	6 Dec
TBC	Aide Memoire for the Kahui Wai Māori hui to discuss Northland water storage matters.	Minister	Isabel Poulson	5 Dec
TBC	Aide Memoire for meeting with Leon Clement, CEO of Synlait	Minister	Isabel Poulson	3 Dec

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Appendix 5 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA151	Privacy of natural persons	1 Oct	6 Dec	13 Dec	Drafting	I request a copy of the following documents: Any reports, briefings, related correspondence and communications regarding the Far East Saw Mill in Tairāwhiti
OIA181		5 Nov	17 Jan	22 Jan	Drafting	Copies of all briefings, cabinet papers, agendas and minutes
OIA186		14 Nov	3 Dec	10 Dec	Collating Information	A list of all briefings, reports, aide memoirs, weekly bullets/reports, and memos received by the Minister between 1 October 2018 and 30 October 2018.

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0275	Privacy of natural persons	23 Aug	1 Nov	8 Nov	Consultation	Items relating to funding Waitangi National Trust since November 2017
1819-0464		22 Sept	N/A	16 Nov	Consultation	Please provide all records the Ministry has on the Regional Development Funding application for the upgrade of the Russell Wharf
1819-0469		24 Sept	13 Dec	20 Dec	Consultation	All funding applications and advice under Provincial Development Fund 27/08
1819-0485		26 Sept	13 Dec	20 Dec	Consultation	Request complete list all projects announced Provincial Growth Fund 26 Sep
1819-0664		29 Oct	19 Nov	20 Dec	Consultation	Request for all briefings etc. produced by PDU 23rd Feb-31st March 2018
1819-0672		30 Oct	20 Nov	14 Dec	Consultation	Briefings Request for wider RED Ministers meetings 23 Feb 2018- 30 Oct 2018
1819-0696		31 Oct	21 Nov	25 Jan	Drafting	Business case and feasibility study regarding Oparara Arches
1819-0760		13 Nov	4 Dec	11 Dec	Drafting	Email correspondence between MBIE or the Provincial Development Unit and the Office of Hon Shane Jones in relation to the Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage and Education Centre.
1819-0763		15 Nov	5 Dec	12 Dec	Drafting	All communication between MBIE and Horizons Regional Council regarding any application made, or potential application to be made, to the Provincial Growth Fund within the Horizons Region

Appendix 6 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ1780	Privacy of natural persons	5 November	3 December	Government funding for Blue Mussel research/trials
SJ1844		16 November	14 December	Horticulture and youth employment pathway scheme
SJ1828		15 November	13 December	Update on KT Health application

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Appendix 7 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 30882 (2018) - PQ 31232 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	23 Nov	28 Nov	<p><u>174 x WPQs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Mussel Processing Plant • Wood Engineering Centre of Excellence • Gisborne Inner Harbour Project • Taranaki Cathedral Project • Gisborne Tourism Product Development Project • Hihiaua Stage One
PQ 31254 (2018) - PQ 31461 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	23 Nov	28 Nov	<p><u>105 WPQs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Hā Sestercentennial • State Highway 43 Business Case • Twin Coast Discovery Route • Employment of a transitional economy manager • Whāia Te Rangatiratanga • Questions re numbers of applications
PQ 31514 (2018) - PQ 31794 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	26 Nov	29 Nov	<p><u>187 WPQs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whanganui Port Redevelopment • Otago Economic Development Strategy • Kiwirail Feasibility Study (New Plymouth) • West Coast Wilderness Trail • Kawakawa Tourism Hub • Makauri Managed Aquifer Recharge Trial • New Energy Development Centre • H2 Taranaki Hydrogen Road Map • Food-related opportunities in Taranaki

Written Parliamentary Questions

Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 31867 (2018) – PQ 32091 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	27 Nov	7 Dec	<p><u>177 WPQs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cook's Landing site restoration • Gisborne Airport redevelopment • Wairoa Capability Support Project • Greymouth master plan • Westport to Hokitika rail feasibility study • Hawke's Bay Food Innovation Hub • National aquarium expansion • Dredging of Greymouth Port
PQ 32237 (2018) – PQ 32490 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	28 Nov	6 Dec	<p><u>245 WPQs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water and Waste Management Feasibility Study • Tairāwhiti Honey Strategy • Regional Action Plan Programme Manager • ManaiaSAFE Forestry School pilot • Far East Saw Mill in Tairāwhiti • Tairāwhiti rail feasibility study • Macadamia Industry Development Project • Mt Titirangi Summit Upgrade • Tairāwhiti Roading Package • Rotorua Lakes Council 'Big Moves' Projects • Whakaki catchment land • PGF General

Appendix 8 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release				
Tracking Number	Name	Due to Minister's Office	Due for release	Status
1169 18-19	Weekly Report – 28 September 2018		30 November 2018	With Ministers Office
1239 18-19	Weekly Report – 5 October 2018		30 November 2018	With Ministers Office
1330 18-19	Weekly Report – 12 October 2018		30 November 2018	With Ministers Office

Documents Released This Week		
Tracking Number	Request	Published
DOIA 1819-0488	Minutes From the Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) meetings March to August	26 November 2018