



## Approvals Performance Report (October – December 2014)

The approval performance target for the department is to achieve greater than 80 per cent of applications finalised within the target timeline.

### December quarter 2014

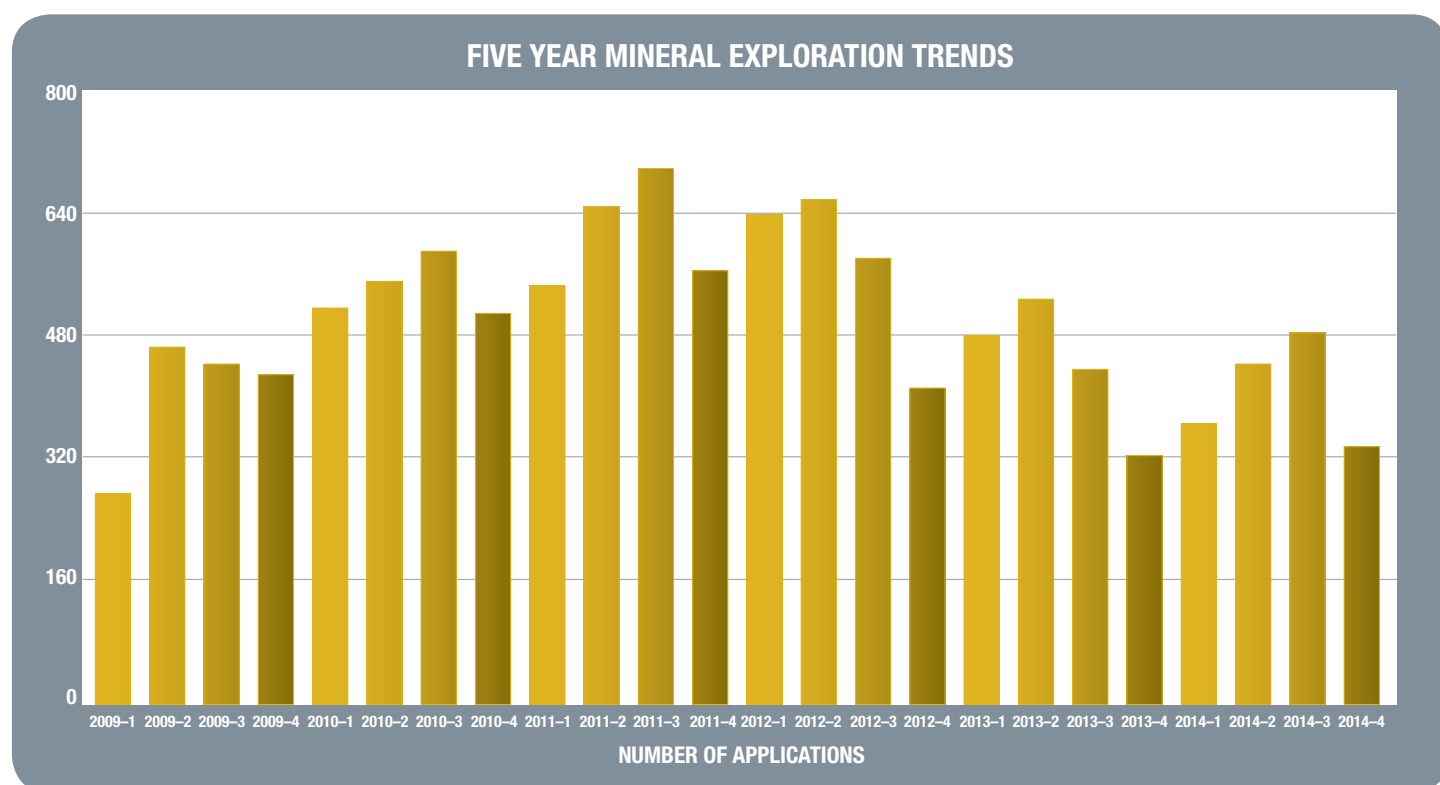
During the December quarter 2014, the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) received a total of 882 mineral tenure applications. Ninety seven per cent of applications were finalised within the target timeline of 65 working days. DMP received 548 mining environment and safety applications. Ninety six per cent of applications were finalised within the timeline target of 30 business days. The department received 241 petroleum tenure, environment and safety applications. Eighty two per cent were finalised within the target timelines. In particular, petroleum exploration permit applications (78%) showed significant improvement.

### Calendar year 2014 summary

During 2014, the department received 3359 mining tenement applications. Ninety six per cent of these applications were finalised within the target timeline of 65 business days. The department received 2294 mineral exploration and mining environmental applications. Ninety five per cent of these were finalised within the target timeline of 30 business days. Ninety eight per cent of the 78 resource safety applications received during 2014 were finalised within target timelines. During 2014, the department received 415 petroleum applications and 76 per cent of these were finalised within the target timelines. Ninety per cent of the 392 petroleum environment applications were finalised within the statutory timeline of 30 calendar days.

### Five year mineral exploration trends

The December quarter 2014 completes 5 years of approval performance reporting by DMP. The graph below shows the number of mineral exploration “Programme of Work” applications received by the department from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2014. A seasonal trend is evident with a significant reduction in the number of exploration applications during the 4th quarter each year. Following the global financial crisis, a change in government late 2008 and the subsequent removal of a uranium mining ban, higher numbers of mineral exploration applications were received during 2009 – 2012. Since 2012, a declining trend is evident reflecting a period of mine expansion and, more recently, lower commodity prices.



## DMP APPROVALS PERFORMANCE – FOURTH QUARTER 2014 (October – December 2014)

The table below provides information regarding the number of mining and petroleum applications received by the department during the specified period. DMP timeline target, approval performance measures and number of applications carried over to the next quarter are provided for key approval processes. The timeline target applies to processes completed by DMP and does not include, for example, the time taken for assessment by other government agencies or where the assessment process is put on hold while additional information is being sought from applicants.

Minerals Sector								
	Timeline target (business days)	No. carried over from previous quarter	No. applications received	Total No. finalised	No. refused, lapsed, rejected or withdrawn	Total no. finalised within timeline target	% finalised within timeline target	No. carried over to next quarter
<b>Tenure applications</b>								
Data used to assess performance against the timeline target only applies to applications received since 1 January 2009 (when the tracking of applications commenced). The total number of applications in the system have been separated into two categories – those received since 1/1/2009 and those received prior.								
Prospecting Licence	65	941	307	276	54	271	98%	972
- pre 1/1/09*		79		4				75
Exploration Licence	65	2053	488	504	247	483	96%	2037
- pre 1/1/09		168		18				150
Mining Lease	65	166	22	26	9	23	88%	162
- pre 1/1/09		397		12				385
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Licence)	65	382	65	78	25	78	100%	369
- pre 1/1/09		103		4				99
<b>Exploration and mining applications</b>								
Programme of Work	30	233	441	495	24	479	97%	179
Mining Proposal	30	90	82	71	16	61	86%	101
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	50	39	50	5	37	74%	39
Note: DMP assess resource sector native vegetation clearing permit applications via a delegation from the Department of Environment Regulation. DMP's approval performance target is to achieve greater than 80 per cent of applications finalised within 60 calendar days.								
<b>Mine safety applications</b>								
Project Management Plan	30	11	20	20	2	20	100%	11
Radiation Management Plans	30	4	5	5	2	5	100%	4

Petroleum and Geothermal Sector								
	Target Timeline (business days)	No. carried over from previous quarter	No. applications received	Total number finalised	No. refused, rejected or withdrawn	Total no. finalised within timeline target	% finalised within timeline target	No. carried over to next quarter
<b>Petroleum Tenure and Activity Applications # Note 2</b>								
A detailed list of application categories is available on the DMP approvals / approvals reporting website.								
Joint Authority Decision	20	49	46	33	4	31	94%	62
Exploration Permit	120	71	2	9	6	7	78%	64
Other Title	120	3	0	1	1	0	0%	2
Pipeline Licence	90	8	3	3	0	3	100%	8
Prod. Licence	90	9	0	2	0	2	100%	7
Retention Lease	90	5	0	2	0	0	0%	3
Other Approval	40	43	43	30	7	17	57%	56
Survey	40	9	3	6	5	5	83%	6
Well	40	11	68	30	3	30	100%	49
<b>Petroleum environmental and safety applications</b>								
Environment plans incorporate a small number of oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plan	30*	45	75	86	49	86	100%	34
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	0	4	4	0	4	100%	0
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	0	2	1	0	1	50%	0

Note 1: \* Denotes calendar days instead of business days.

Note 2: Effective 1 July 2014, Petroleum Tenure and Activity applications include additional categories of petroleum applications.